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BEST-EVER HAUL: INDIAN BOXERS PUNCH WAY TO HISTORY AT WORLDS

Three men pugilists advance to semifinal round and assure themselves of three medals, previous best came in 2019 when the country won two

Deepak, Hussamuddin, Nishant mark red-letter day

After Deepak Bhoria (51 kg, an Olympic discipline) took down Nurzhigit Diushebaev of Kyrgyzstan by a 5-0 verdict, Mohammed Hussamuddin, engineered a tight 3-2 win over Bulgaria's Diaz Ibanez, in the 57 kg discipline. Rounding off the winners was Nishant Dev (71kg) who beat favourite, Cuba's Jorge Cuellar, by a unanimous verdict | P13

Semifinals on May 12

After a day of rest, the three Indians will be back in action on Friday. At stake is a place in the finals

No Indian men's boxer has ever gone to win gold at this event. In fact, only one Indian — Amit Panghal in 2019 — has reached the title clash

We want Nishant to stay busy, feign, throw jabs and keep the rival busy
- CA Kuttappa, India chief national coach

SEVEN

NO. OF MEDALS WON BY THE MEN AT THE WORLDS BEFORE WEDNESDAY

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

FATE SEALED IN EVMs; EXIT POLLS PREDICT HUNG HOUSE

They give lead to Grand Old Party in all regions except Coastal Karnataka; more seats for Cong than BJP even in Bengaluru

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

WITH polling for Assembly elections ending on Wednesday, exit polls have indicated Congress having an edge over the ruling BJP, although the state may end up with a hung Assembly. The results will be announced on May 13.

The exit polls show Congress leading in all regions, except coastal Karnataka, which is known to be BJP's bastion.

The India Today-Axis My India exit poll, which looked at region-wise performance of political parties, gave an absolute majority for Congress with 122-140 seats, 62-80 for BJP, 20-25 for JDS and three for independents.

Surprisingly, the exit polls predicted more seats for Congress than BJP even in Bengaluru city. Currently, BJP has more MLAs in the state capital where Modi campaigned extensively.

In Central Karnataka, Hyderabad-Karnataka and Mumbai-Karnataka regions, Congress is expected to do better than BJP, according to exit polls.

Similarly, Times Now ETG exit poll gave Congress 113 seats — the magic number for a simple majority — with 40% vote share, followed by BJP 85 seats with 36.7 %, JDS 23 seats with 16.1%, and others 3 with 6.3%.

On the other hand, the Newsnation-CGS exit poll gave a simple majority to BJP with 114 seats, 86 to Congress, 21 to JDS and three to independents.

JDS, which lost some leaders to Congress, may get a drubbing in its stronghold of Old Mysuru region, which is a Vokkaliga bastion with KPCC president DK Shivakumar — also a strong leader from the community — throwing his hat in the ring for chief minister's post.

Except for Zee Matrize and Republic TV -PMARQ, which gave 25-33 and 24-32 seats, respectively for JDS, most exit polls indicated the party may not cross 30. However, in case of a fractured mandate, JDS may play the role of a kingmaker again, according to political pundits. JDS leaders, including former PM HD Deve Gowda and former CM HD Kumaraswamy, had campaigned extensively in the Old Mysuru region. CONTINUED ON: P5

I will win with a record margin... So is the BJP, which is going to win with a record number of seats... the party will get a comfortable majority

Basavaraj Bommai, CM

I must thank Congress workers and leaders for their untiring efforts and hard work in the campaign season

DK Shivakumar, KPCC president

In several constituencies which had winnable candidates, I have failed in financially supporting the candidates

HD Kumaraswamy, JDS leader

INSIDE

Confident of majority: CM

I will become CM: Siddu

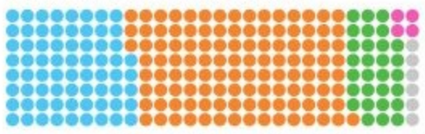
P4

People wait in queues to cast their votes at Padmanabhanagar in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

K'TAKA EXIT POLLS FOR ALL 224 SEATS

Survey	Cong+	BJP	JDS	Oth
India Today	122-140	62-80	20-25	3
ABP News-C Voter	100-112	83-95	21-29	2-6
India TV CNX	110-120	80-90	20-24	1-3
News Nation CGS	86	114	21	3
Republic TV-PMARQ	94-108	85-100	24-32	2-6
Asianet Jan ki Baat	91-106	94-117	14-24	0-2
Times Now ETG	113	85	23	3
TV9 Bharatvarsh-Pollstrat	99-109	88-98	21-26	0-4
Zee Matrize	103-118	79-94	25-33	2-5

CURRENT PARTY POSITIONS



Congress 69 ● BJP 116 ● JD(S) 29 ● Others 4
Vacant 6 (due to resignations)

72.67%

Voter turnout in Karnataka, the **highest-ever**, surpassing 72.13% in the last state Assembly polls in 2018

State logs all-time high voter turnout of 72.67%

ASHWINI M SRIPAD & CHETAN MG @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA recorded an all-time high voter turnout of 72.67% in the Assembly elections on Wednesday. This excluded postal ballots and home voting. Bengaluru remained sluggish at 54.14%.

Polling in the state was by and large peaceful barring a few incidents, including smashing of EVMs and VVPATs in Vijayapura district and clashes between workers of political parties.

At 10.30 pm, officials were collating voting details from across the state and the percentage was on the rise as the paper went to press. Election results will be declared on Saturday.

In 2018, the state recorded 72.13%, with Bengaluru recording 54.75%. Rural areas witnessed a massive response from voters compared to urban areas. People started thronging polling stations from 7 am and voting gained momentum by noon.

Most of the districts witnessed brisk voting in the evening. High voter turnout and rains interrupting the voting process led to polling continuing well past the 6 pm deadline in some places in Uttara Kannada and Dakshina Kannada districts. The scorching summer in parts of the state did not deter senior citizens and pregnant women from exercising their franchise while brides and grooms took time from traditional rituals to cast their votes on their big day. CONTINUED ON: P4

BELITTLING GIFT OF DEMOCRACY, FIRST-TIME VOTERS SELL THEIR VOTES IN MYSURU

KARTHIK K K @ Mysuru

IN what can be termed a bad precedent in democracy, many young and first-time voters sold their votes for a price in the old-Mysore region during polling on Wednesday. This is expected to turn the poll results upside down in many constituencies.

Although the district administration and Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) committee made all preparations to ensure a free and fair election this time, the first-time and young voters had other plans.

This was evident in many polling booths in urban as well as rural areas of the district. While many such voters were busy contacting those distributing money for votes, some waited near polling booths for agents of political parties. A few were seen striking a deal with the agents.

Over 50,000 youngsters were added to the voters' list in the district this year with Chamundeshwari constituency reporting the highest number of 6,068 such voters, followed by 5,663 in Hunsur, 5,170 in KR Nagar, and 4,944 in Narasimharaja constituencies. At Hyrige village in HD Kote taluk, many voters aged between 19 and 23 were seen in front of the polling booth waiting for village leaders to offer them the "best" price for their votes. Mahesha, a college student, was heard telling a JDS leader that he is ready to sell his vote. While he was offered Rs 1,000, Mahesha demanded Rs 500 more stating that he will bring four more voters. He made a final offer of Rs 1,500 per vote. P3

NAB gets physical custody of Imran

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

FORMER Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan was on Wednesday handed over to the National Accountability Bureau for eight days, a day after the bureau got the 70-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief arrested in the Al-Qadir University Trust case, triggering violent protests.

The Al-Qadir case alleges Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi obtained billions of rupees for their trust from property tycoon Malik Riaz in exchange of favours, causing huge losses to the exchequer.

Separately, Khan was indicted in the Toshakhana corruption case, in which he is charged with selling the expensive gifts he received as prime minister in violation of rules.

Hearings of the two cases were held in a make-shift court in Islamabad Police Lines.

During the hearing, Imran Khan reportedly told the court that he feared for his life. "I don't want what happened to

A supporter of Imran Khan catapults stones at the police in Peshawar, Pakistan on Wednesday | AP

Maqsood Ahmad (money laundering accused who died under mysterious circumstances in UAE). They give an injection and the person dies slowly," sources quoted Khan as saying in the court.

Violent clashes continued on Wednesday. According to reports, seven persons have been killed and 300 injured in the clashes. The army is out in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. Police have arrested over 1,150 PTI activists in Punjab alone. There were rumours of top PTI leaders including Shah Mehmood Qureshi being arrested but the former foreign minister came on Twitter to deny the reports.

Meanwhile, 32 Indian Bridge (card deck game) players are in Lahore for a tournament being hosted by the Bridge Federation of Pakistan. Palestine, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Jordan and Bangladesh are participating in the tournament, which will conclude on May 13.

Indian Bridge players in Pak asked to leave

The Indian High Commission in Islamabad has advised the 32 Bridge players currently in Lahore for a tournament, to immediately return to the country in view of the fluid situation in Pakistan

Kerala doc stabbed to death by patient

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kollam

IN a gruesome incident, a young lady doctor was stabbed to death by a man she was treating at emergency section of the government hospital in Kottarakkara, Kerala in the wee hours of Wednesday.

Vandana Das, 23, was killed by S Sandeep who was brought to the hospital by police for treating some injuries on his ankle. The 42-year-old man, a school teacher, had sought police help claiming he was assaulted by neighbours.

Remya, a nursing officer who was on duty at the time of the incident, said Sandeep seemed to be intoxicated. He turned violent while being attended by medical staff and stabbed those around him with a scissor he grabbed from the dressing table.

Dr Vandana Das

Vandana, who was practising as a house surgeon at the hospital, was first taken to a nearby hospital and later shifted to a private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram, where she breathed her last. Her postmortem report said there were 11 stab wounds on her body.

Police said six health officials, including Vandana, were present in the hospital at the time of the incident. Apart from the doctor, he stabbed his neighbour Binu and home guard Alexkutty, who were standing outside the dressing room. ASI Manilal, who was on aid post duty, interfered but was attacked.

Ambulance driver Rajesh S told *TNIE* the man was on a stabbing spree. "I saw the assailant stabbing a police officer. I tried to grab him from behind but he injured my left arm. Then the sub-inspector reached the spot; he was hit on the head," he said.

The Indian Medical Association has called for state-wide protests demanding better security measures for medical staff.

No adoption bar on single person in same-sex union

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday said the society today has gone beyond the concept of motherhood, adding the law permits individuals to adopt a child irrespective of marital status.

Pointing out that the question of guardianship is evolving, a five-judge bench hearing a batch of pleas seeking legal recognition to same-sex marriage, said the law recognises adoption for a variety of reasons apart from "an ideal family" having its own biological children. "We've gone beyond motherhood and gone into parenthood today and there are single parents. The question of guardianship is evolving. What is central to this is the welfare of the child," Justice S R Bhat said. P9

EXPRESS READ

President Biden to host PM Modi in US on June 22

Washington: US President Joe Biden will host PM Narendra Modi for an official visit to the US, which will include a state dinner, on June 22, the White House said.

Tamil Nadu govt files case against Annamalai

Chennai: The TN government filed a criminal complaint against BJP state chief K Annamalai on Wednesday, for allegedly defaming CM M K Stalin. P5

STAR 'CAST'

"First, we vote and then we say this is good and this is not good. But if we don't do that, then we have no right to criticise"
Narayana Murthy, Infosys founder

Infosys founder Narayana Murthy and Infosys Foundation head Sudha Murty pose for the cameras in Jayanagar on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

"I will tell youngsters please look at us. We are aged but still we get up at 6 am, we get ready and vote. Please learn from us"
Sudha Murty, Infosys Foundation head

"I just voted, and for a progressive, prosperous and peaceful Karnataka too"
— Ramachandra Guha, author

"I have voted against communal politics, 40% commission sarkar. Do vote for inclusive Karnataka"
Prakash Raj, actor

'Kantara' fame Rishab Shetty and Sapthami Gowda upload pictures on Twitter showing their inked fingers on Wednesday

TWITTER

Celeb contestants, peak turnout make these seats a must-watch

Minor glitches in EVMs; Higher turnout in rural areas than in urban

YATHIRAJU @ Ramanagara

AS kattal raat gave way to vote day, the festival of democracy was apparent in the three high-profile constituencies of Channapatna, Kanakapura and Ramanagara. Voters were out in force, thanks to the high level of awareness about elections, and the high-profile contestants in these three seats. Voters and local leaders enthusiastically participated in the election process since early morning.

In Channapatna constituency, former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy of the JDS was up against former minister CP Yogeshwar of the BJP. Though S Gangadhar contested from the Congress, it was a straight fight between the JDS and BJP.

Voters of Channapatna town, known for its wooden toys, were seen standing in queues since morning without a care for the scorching sun. "We worked till the early hours of Wednesday and have left no stone unturned to ensure our success. Not a single labourer is working in the fields, all are fully involved in the election," said a JDS worker who did not give his name.

In Silk Town Ramanagara, where actor Nikhil Kumaraswamy, son of former CM Kumaraswamy, is involved in a triangular battle, the voting percentage was high. Congress candidate HA Iqbal Hussain reaching remote villages and BJP's Gautham Marilingegowda doing his best to woo voters helped up the turnout.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar and his brother and Bengaluru Rural MP DK Suresh outside a polling station in Kanakapura | EXPRESS

The roadshow by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Channapatna also helped boost voter turnout. However, here the fight is between Nikhil and Iqbal, said a voter in Ramanagara.

Since Ramanagara is only 48km from Bengaluru city, locals working in Bengaluru reached their native towns to exercise their franchise, as they can return the same day or next day, and was a key factor contributing to the high voting percentage.

In Kanakapura, known for granite quarries, the BJP tried to queer the pitch by fielding former deputy chief minister R Ashoka against KPCC president DK Shivakumar. While B Nagaraju stood from the JDS, there was no strong leader to fight Shivakumar.

In all three constituencies, known for hyperactive voters, the response was good. There were minor technical glitches in EVMs, with rural areas recording better response than urban areas. However, there was no separate queue for senior citizens in the constituencies.

In Magadi constituency, the fight was between A Manjunatha of JDS and HC Balakrishna of the Congress.

Despite the fact that there were a limited number of KSRTC buses, voters headed towards Mysuru from Bengaluru city. BMTC bus services, which extend into neighbouring districts, did not cater to people waiting for buses to their villages. Amid all this chaos, voters did not miss their date with democracy, and the election in these suburbs saw a high voter turnout.

BSF personnel help a senior citizen at a booth in Hosakerehalli | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

VOTER TURNOUT IN %

BBMP (Central)	55.39	Gadag	75.21
BBMP (North)	52.88	Kalaburagi	65.22
BBMP (South)	52.80	Hassan	81.59
Bagalkot	74.63	Haveri	81.17
Bengaluru Rural	83.76	Kodagu	74.74
Bengaluru Urban	56.98	Kolar	81.22
Belagavi	76.33	Koppal	77.25
Ballari	76.23	Mandya	83.19
Bidar	71.66	Mysuru	75.04
Vijayapura	70.78	Raichur	69.79
Chamarajanagar	80.81	Ramanagara	84.98
Chikkaballapura	85.83	Shivamogga	77.22
Chikkamagaluru	77.89	Tumakuru	83.46
Chitradurga	80.37	Udupi	78.46
Dakshina Kannada	76.15	Uttara Kannada	76.72
Davanagere	77.47	Vijayanagara	77.62
Dharwad	71.02	Yadgir	66.66

Young voters excited to get inked, take selfies

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

Thousands of first-time voters lined up at polling stations across Bengaluru and chorused that they were happy to have got the right to vote, and have used it effectively to choose the best leader who will steer the state and nation towards development.

Kurshi Mehta, a student of Jain College said, "It feels so good that I got the right to vote and I exercised my franchise. I hope the best leaders are elected and our nation becomes a developed country."

Many young voters took selfies at 'selfie points' and were impressed with pink booths. Mohit, a resident of Medahalli and a first-time voter, informed his friends that they can cast their votes by showing any identity proof, if they have their names on the electoral list.

Yeshwanth of New Horizon College said he got his voter ID card last year and had voted for the very first time. "I am excited that I've got the right to vote. I will use this weapon to choose my MLA, who will work for the development of the state."

First-time voters show their inked fingers after casting their votes at Hoskerahalli in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

'Groom'-ed voter

Bengaluru: Where there are elections, everything can wait, even wedding. Sahil Dhariwal, 26, a businessman in his wedding attire came with his family members to the booth in Sunkenahalli under Basavanagudi constituency on Wednesday morning. The wedding venue was at Kumbalgudu, around 30 km from the booth. Dhariwal said that he missed voting last time, and after voting, rushed to reach the venue on time. "As responsible citizens, it is our duty to vote. It is my wedding, but I made it a point to vote first. I thank my family members for encouraging me."

Not just in Bengaluru, but across the state in many polling booths across the state, brides and grooms, wearing wonderful outfits, exercised their franchise. — **Aknisree Karthik**

In mood to vote, young and old throng booths

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

DISPELLING fear of rain, it was a bright sunny day as citizens enthusiastically came out of their homes and exercised their franchise on Wednesday.

Bengaluru had been plagued by low voter turnout, but spirits were up on Wednesday as lakhs of citizens stepped out of their homes to change the pattern.

Speaking to TNIE, agriculturist couple Somanna and Savitha said they had travelled from Kodagu to vote and would be returning the next day. "We have been voting in Pulakeshinagar since 2006. Without voting, we cannot talk about issues or criticise when the works are not done," said Somanna.

The crowd of voters was eclectic, and both young and old waited outside polling booths. Youth and first-time voters were jubilant and posed for pictures and clicked selfies showing their inked finger, and posting it on social media.

There were several elderly people who either missed registering to vote from home or wanted to stand with voters in the queue. Many of them reached the booths with the help of their family members. Many parents also took their children to see the inside of the booth, from where opinions are formed and governments are decided.

By 11am, some polling booths reported turnout of over 25 per cent. However, the tempo slowed down as the afternoon neared.

There were some stray incidents amid peaceful voting when voters were miffed that their names were not on the electoral list, resulting in arguments with the police and the polling officials.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

11th May: If you're like me, you may have wondered just how big the universe is - and what happens when you get to the edge. Is there a big wall - a hole that you fall though into nothingness? And what is 'nothing' anyway? You may be reassured to know that even the greatest scientists cannot begin to make a start on answering this question. Somehow, I like it that there are certain things that we can never know!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The general disposition in your horoscope is lighter today, and, to adopt the language of the weather forecaster, you could be in for sunny spells on the social front, and a period of emotional stability. If you have some big ideas then try them out on partners. You never know - they might just hit the spot.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Everyone wants to succeed, and now is your turn for a stab at fulfilling one of your great ambitions. Make an early start this morning and don't be put off by last-minute diversions or clashes with authority, but keep your cool. Don't fritter your valuable time away.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Flashes of insight and inspiration are in the air, and could relate to almost any radical change you feel like making. However, it's finances that require most attention. Hi-tech purchases, by the way, could be the best value, and necessities should be a better bet than luxuries.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The ideas are certainly buzzing today. If you should be a little alarmed or put out by partners' suggestions, encourage them to explain themselves. There may be much you can do to fill in the details, so make a start and do as much as is possible, as fast as is feasible.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
It's difficult to say what's important and what is not at the moment. Everything that changes in your life over the next eighteen months will start in the most familiar surroundings. Even today's trivial events will point you in the direction of future opportunity, so please be alert to the winds of fortune.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The brightest area of your chart today relates to love and friendship, while the most intense and aggravating aspects are connected to work and worldly ambitions. The best advice is to keep an eye on the legal situation and make sure that you know your rights.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
There is a chance to relive the glories of the past, but it may be impossible to recover anything more substantial than your memories. This is a time to face up to radical decisions that could lead to far-reaching consequences at home. Take the lead and make sure that your needs are met.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
First things first! The important message is always to walk before you can run. As far as home and family affairs are concerned, this means taking care of routine tasks like emptying the rubbish before even thinking about anything more ambitious!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Everything about today shouts that it's decision time. The choices you have to make may be quite small, but their cumulative effect, added up over the coming months, may be very powerful indeed. A favourite ambition might run into trouble, but a delay should be purely temporary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
It seems that you could be touched by genius today. This is not to give you a big head, but you have a strange knack of putting your finger on the truth, even if it's unpalatable! Actually, in many ways, today's planetary patterns suit the serious side of your nature, so you could be well off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Go with your feelings today. It's a suitable moment to extend a little sympathy - and practical assistance - to those in need. Don't worry about domestic matters - these should take care of themselves, so any intervention is up to you. Leave other people to do their fair share, though.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You may retreat temporarily into one of your hermit phases. And why not! If you don't want to be the life and soul of the party, or reveal your deepest feelings, nobody has the right to expect you to do so. Besides, you want to pursue worthwhile activities, not waste your time on frivolities.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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5	3	1	2	8	6	7	9	4
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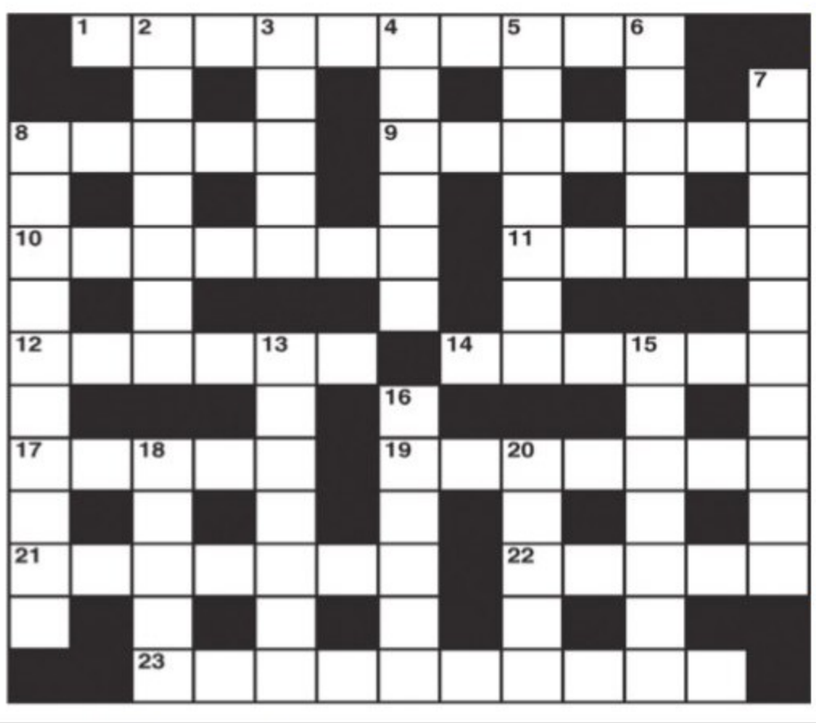
SUDOKU EVIL

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Exit diva unexpectedly with Rolls-Royce cabbie (4,6)
8 Type of plants which have their points (5)
9 Mean to cut a vegetable (7)
10 Leave a musical group with no backing (7)
11 Sadie gets wrong thoughts (5)
12 Abraham ties me in knots (6)
14 Bad luck for those said to be sound performers (6)
17 Tempting fruit (5)
19 A name is confused - result of this? (7)
21 A Celt is unusually ready to give! (7)
22 Writer never worried (5)
23 Not the main way to transform a desert site (4,6)

DOWN
2 Honour a bill on demand (7)
3 Epic poem of 151 AD (5)
4 Change from evil past or heartless present (6)
5 It unfits men for high positions (7)
6 Freely traverse the mountains (5)
7 Bishops getting poor copies on damaged tape (10)
8 Superior teams oddly are those who train together (10)
13 Gave patient attention (7)
15 Merit of French verse perhaps (7)
16 About a hundred Scandinavians make trips (6)
18 They may be works, strangely enough (5)
20 A permanent negative (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Even so, 4 Solder, 9 Retitle, 10 Idles, 11 Grain, 12 Emerged, 13 Electricity, 18 Diarist, 20 Pilot, 22 Ounce, 23 Orotund, 24 Turtle, 25 Assets.

Down: 1 Enrage, 2 Extra, 3 Satanic, 5 Olive, 6 Delight, 7 Reside, 8 Desecration, 14 Learner, 15 Captors, 16 Adroit, 17 Etudes, 19 Ideal, 21 Louse.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

ALGEE

KORJE

CPNKAU

PPPUTE

Look! It's finally making its way through the clouds!
I was wondering if we were going to see it today.
WHEN THE CLOUDS PARTED ALLOWING THEM TO SEE THE SUMMIT, THEY GOT A ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THE _____ (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ESSAY FLUID INFLUX HIDDEN
Answer: She'd be done applying lacquer to the table when it was — FINISHED

> *No party will tackle problems such as unemployment if it comes to power. There is nothing wrong in taking money* - **Harish Gowda, a young voter**

Bet is on Congress, satta markets give GOP 124-149 seats

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE betting markets and satta bazaar are buzzing with high-stake bets, giving Congress a clear majority of well over 115 seats, while predicting less than 70 seats for BJP and under 30 for JDS. While some are giving the Grand Old Party a simple majority, others are giving a full majority.

A reliable source said, "The bets and odds offered on Tuesday by most bookmakers made Congress a clear favourite. For someone who took the bet that Congress would get 112-130 seats, the operator offered double the money. But the odds are against BJP, and for a person placing a bet that BJP would get 100 seats, the operators are offering 3-1 odds. If you wager Rs 1,000, you will get Rs 4,000 if the saffron party reaches that mark. It means chances of that happening are low. On BJP getting 70-85 seats, the odds are 80/100. If you bet Rs 1,000, you will get Rs 1,800.

If a bettor takes the position that Congress would emerge as the single-largest party, it is 90/100 -- it means if you place a bet of Rs 1,000, you will get back Rs 1,900. A person placing a bet of Rs 1,000 predicting that BJP would emerge as the single-largest party would get back Rs 3,500-4,000.

A person wagering Rs 1,000 on JDS getting 25-30 seats will get Rs 2,500. If the bet is on JDS winning more than 31 seats, the person will get Rs 3,500 in return."

Most satta markets gave Congress clear numbers -- the Phalodi Satta Bazaar gave Congress 137 seats, BJP 55 and JDS 30 seats. The Palanpur Satta Market gave Congress 141 seats, BJP 57 and JDS 24, the Karnal Satta Market gave Congress 124, BJP 69 and JDS 24, while the Bohri Satta Market gave Congress 149 seats, BJP 48 and JDS 22.

Two men help an elderly woman to her wheelchair when she came to cast her vote in Bengaluru on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

Names missing, voters return home un-inked

Citizens shocked about list discrepancies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

EVEN as voting for the Karnataka Assembly polls concluded on Wednesday, several eligible voters who were able to cast their votes till the 2019 Lok Sabha election and the Assembly by-polls were miffed with the BBMP and the State Election Commission, since their names were missing from the voter list.

Kathyayini Chamraj, a civic activist in Bengaluru, who went to a polling station in Shanthinagar, was shocked to discover that instead of removing her daughter's name from the list, based on her appeal to the BBMP, the officials had deleted hers.

"I had submitted Form 7 requesting to delete my daughter's name from the electoral roll as she no longer lives with me. The BLO had come to my house with a form saying my daughter had applied and that my name was to be deleted as I had shifted. Though I pointed out the error and they promised to correct it, my name has been deleted from the final list (which is not available on the CEO's website), therefore I could not vote today!" the activist tweeted.

For Gopalakrishnan, a retired resident of Vinayak Nagar in HAL ward, his name was deleted while surprisingly, his deceased mother's name was intact.

"Since my family was away for the past 10 years and did not vote for two elections, the officials reasoned that if a person does not vote in one election, the name will be deleted. But my mother died 12 years ago and her name is still on the list," he said.

Sharath Kumar K P, a resident of Old Guddadahalli in Chamarajpet Assembly constituency, complained that his name was also removed. "I went to the polling booth and was waiting to get the voter slip. However, my name was removed and I had to return home without voting."

He questioned how only his name could be deleted, while that of his family members' remained on the list.

'Names missing from list due to illeteracy'

BENGALURU: As 41,000 transgenders registered for voting in the assembly elections, many came forward to exercise their franchise. Rihana Raju, State Youth Congress General Secretary said, "I am happy that my community members are coming forward to vote." She expressed displeasure as many names were missing as the officials are not aware of gender change and name change of the same person. "Many of them (transgenders) are not literate and also hesitate to apply for correction because of existing misconceptions," said Mallu Kumbar, State Coordinator Karnataka Sexual Minorities. She added, the community is thankful to the officials for roping in Padma awardee Jogthi Manjamma as one of the ambassador for Karnataka Election as this sent a message among the community.

WOMEN'S SPECIAL

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman casts her vote; (Right) Voters line up to vote at Shivajinagar on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL, SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Youth say no party addressing jobs issue

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WHEN the JDS leader told Mahesha that he needed some time to get money, the five-member group immediately approached the agents of BJP with the same plan.

Mahesha, who was already drunk by then, said, "Show me a place where there is no involvement of money in elections. It is still 1 pm and we will wait till 4 pm. We will vote for the party which pays us more." In Krishnaraja constituency, young voters were seen demanding money to vote for the Congress candidate at Kurubarahalli.

In Chamundeshwari constituency, according to sources, a man approached a panchayat leader stating that an association headed by him has 31 members and they were ready to vote for a particular candidate if they were paid Rs 1,500 per vote. "No party will tackle problems such as unemployment if it comes to power. There is nothing wrong in taking money," said Harish Gowda, a supervisor at a factory, who took Rs 1,500 for his vote in Chamundeshwari constituency.

What is more worrying is the involvement of children, who were seen with agents of various parties, raising slogans and asking people to vote in favour of their candidates near polling booths. All this, when the model code of conduct and other guidelines were in force.

Golden age is before them, not behind

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

ALTHOUGH the vote from home option for those aged above 80 and with disabilities was implemented for the first time, many of them were seen waiting in queues.

They wanted to visit the booth and interact with the crowd. Some said they missed their chance when the polling officials approached them.

RG Subramanyam, 96, who has been voting since the 1952 elections, refused the option as he preferred to stand in queue. Gouramma and her daughter-in-law Savitribai, were seen helping each other to the booth. "We do not know how many elections we will be able to see. So we want to stand in the queue," they said.

Another senior citizen, Gouri, said: "Food is delivered at home, but voting should not be done at home. This is the only way to show you are active."

Sarojamma and N Puttappa were accompanied by their children till the booth. "We had registered to vote from home, but when the officials came, we were in Mysuru for work," they said.

In Sushilamma's case, no one had approached her to vote from home, she said. "I am happy that I could stand in the queue. People were encouraging," she said.

Specially-abled voters came with their attendants in wheelchairs. "I have issues with vision and cannot walk properly, but I wanted to vote," said a voter in Ullal.

BARRING CODE VIOLATIONS, POLLING PEACEFUL IN CITY

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

ASSEMBLY elections went off peacefully in the city on Wednesday, barring some minor altercations between party workers and glitches in Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) in a few places. Some voters, despite having their voter ID cards, found their names missing from the voters' list, and vented their ire on election officials when they were not allowed to vote.

Police personnel deployed for security had to persuade such voters to leave the polling booths. Bengaluru Police Commissioner CH Pratap Reddy told TNIE, "No major incidents were seen anywhere because of action taken against rowdies and warrant holders."

"Except for model code of conduct violations, there were no other incidents and elections went on peacefully," SD Sharanappa, Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime), nodal officer for Bengaluru City Police for the Karnataka assembly elections, told TNIE.

During heated arguments between party workers in some areas, security personnel had to pitch in to control the situation before it went out of control. At a polling station in RT Nagar, Congress candidate Byrathi Suresh warned a JDS worker for seeking votes at the polling station. There were rumours that workers of two political parties indulged in violence at a booth in Padmanabhanagar. DCP (South) P Krishnakant clarified that it was just an argument between two groups and the situation was peaceful. He further that legal procedures would be followed.

"Some small instances and non-cognisable cases have been taken. There were no attacks or arrests in Southeast division. Due to thorough planning, the elections were peaceful," CK Baba, DCP, Southeast, said.

Meanwhile, speaking about the incident where villagers of Masabinal village stopped a poll duty vehicle carrying EVMs, manhandled an officer, and damaged control and ballot units, DG&IGP Praveen Sood said the incident happened as people suspected that the officials had taken the EVMs away after stopping polling midway. "They were reserve or surplus EVMs, which are carried into every sector. We have arrested some people in the case," said Sood.

> **There was not a single incident in which polling was disrupted inside the polling booth. There may have been small incidents of skirmishes at some places, outside the booths but polling was not disturbed anywhere because of them. By and large, the entire period; from nomination to the final day of polling, went off peacefully** — Praveen Sood, Director General & Inspector General of Police

Hospitals ferry inpatients to voting centres

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

AMONG the thousands who headed out to cast their votes were inpatients from hospitals across Bengaluru. There were 16 inpatients from Manipal Hospital, and one from Sagar Hospital who were deemed medically fit, and helped by the hospital to cast their votes. Patients included transplant survivors, patients under dialysis, an accident victim, patients who are under chemotherapy, and patients recovering from lung cancer. Patients had their votes in different constituencies across the city.

Following a thorough health check-up and approval from their doctors, patients who reached the polling booths were allowed to vote on priority. Malliga, one of the in-patients at Manipal, was happy that despite treatment for her leg, she was able to cast her vote with the help of doctors.

Patients were taken to voting booths across the city, including Anekal, Rajajinagar, Shivanagara, Chandapura, Haralur, Malleshpalya, Malleswaram, Dasarahalli, Mahalakshmi Layout, Sarjapur, Yeshwanthpur and C V Raman Nagar.

Ramshackle booths welcome voters with red carpet

While some voters were lucky to vote in booths with proper facilities, many had to make do with rundown polling centres | EXPRESS

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

THESE were not the usual polling booths with proper facilities. Many voters reached their booths on Wednesday to find them undergoing renovation. In Central Bengaluru areas like Shivajinagar and Vasanth Nagar, government school buildings with cracked walls and rusted tin roofs were converted into polling booths. There was no place for voters to sit as they waited in the scorching heat, and remained inaccessible to the elderly and disabled.

Government schools got a facelift to house around 45 polling booths in Bengaluru Urban. Most of them dilapidated schools that had shut down or were shifted. "The schools were repaired to ensure basic facilities were available ahead of polling day. Many were in a dilapidated condition," Bengaluru Urban DEO KA Dayanand said.

"Since many of the schools were closed, converting them into polling booths needed a good deal of work and cleaning," an election official told TNIE.

In Byatarayanapura constituency, a major portion of the Government Higher Primary School was undergoing renovation. A red carpet directed voters to the booth, where they were greeted with scaffolding and piles of building materials.

Distance didn't matter for these voters

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

CONSIDERING that every single vote matters, voters landed in the state for a flying visit to exercise their franchise on the D-day. While many had come from neighbouring states, one person TNIE met had come all the way from Canada.

Dr Sowjanya Naik from Mysuru works as an ENT surgeon at Gandhi Medical College in Secunderabad. She travelled 14.5 hours by train from Kacheguda to Mysuru to make it to her polling booth. "I boarded the Mysuru Express by 7 pm on Tuesday and reached by 9.30 am on Wednesday. I went home immediately and then reached the polling booth by 3 pm accompanied by my husband and in-laws," she told TNIE. She said, "This is like an exam and every mark matters. I really believe every vote is important and so I travelled from far. Since the voting happened on a weekday, I will be leaving immediately to rejoin work."

Dr Anand Nichani and Dr AS Ramaswamy

Dr A S Ramaswamy, a Krishnarajapuram resident, travelled from his hospital at Kuppam in Andhra Pradesh to Bengaluru. "I left work early and travelled by train for over an hour and reached KR Puram by 12.30 pm. I visited the booth, which is just across my house, and cast my vote. My parents had done so in the morning."

Anand Nichani, Managing Director of Magniflex India, might have missed his flight from Bengaluru to Chennai if there had been a slight delay in starting the polling process. "I was outside my booth on Race Course Road at 6.55 am. As soon as voting was allowed, I was the first to enter and cast my vote. It is extremely important to vote. I reached the airport just in time for my 9 am flight. If there had been a slight delay, I would have missed it."

A video on social media by BJP sympathiser Adarsh Hegde has gone viral. It shows him going door-to-door to canvas for the party. A middle aged woman says, "I will definitely vote. My son is coming from Canada only to cast his vote."

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BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, CHENNAI BENCH -I
COMPANY APPLICATION NO. CP/41(CHE)2023
IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 66 READ WITH SECTION 52 AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
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Notice may be taken that an application was presented to the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal at Chennai Bench ('Tribunal') on March 28th, 2023 and has been admitted on May 2nd, 2023 (Order Received on May 4th, 2023) for confirming the reduction of equity share capital of the above Applicant Company from Rs.35,17,750/- (Rupees Thirty-Five Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Only) divided into 3,51,775 equity shares of Rs.10 (Rupees Ten Only) each, to be reduced to Rs. 3,51,770/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Only) divided into 35,177 equity shares of Rs. 10 (Rupees Ten Only) each as approved by the Equity Shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on March 17th, 2023.

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Priyanka Gandhi
It's time to bring in a strong, development-oriented and capable government that works tirelessly to make your lives better

Pralhad Joshi
I thank all the voters for exercising their right and celebrating the festival of democracy...

Shobha Karandlaje
Thank you to all the electors who participated in the celebration of public governance and participated in building a strong nation by exercising their rights

TALKING HEADS

BJP will win with a record number of seats. Comfortable majority will be there

— Basavaraj Bommai, CM

People of K'taka have decided that they shall choose a progressive, transparent & welfare-oriented government

— Mallikarjun Kharge, AICC president

I have let down candidates, it is my mistake. In about 50-60 seats where our candidates were giving a good fight, I have not been able to give funds as per expectations

— HD Kumaraswamy, JDS leader

Let's build a 40%-commission-free, progressive Karnataka together

— Rahul Gandhi, former AICC president

Money has been flowing (in the election). Now what else BJP has (done) to go to the voters other than giving them money? What can they say about the state except that they have money? What development have they made?

— Siddaramaiah, ex-CM

Based on the developmental works of (PM) Modi and (Basavaraj) Bommai government and my travel across the state I'm saying that we will win 125-130 seats

— BS Yediyurappa, ex-CM

I am grateful to our people of Karnataka, who came out today to cast their votes for our future and who have been supporting Congress's vision throughout

— DK Shivakumar, KPCC president

● Big 3 express confidence of winning the high-voltage polls ● 38-year-old record of incumbent govt returning to power may remain unbroken if Congress wins ● 'Kingmaker' JDS sure of a majority even as exit polls give regional party not more than 35 seats

BALLOT BALLET OVER, CLIMAX ON MAY 13

CLP leader Siddaramaiah and ex-CM Jagadish Shettar show off their inked fingers at Siddaramanahundi and Hubballi, respectively, on Wednesday | UDAYA SHANKAR S, PTI

I have a bright chance of becoming CM: Siddu

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

OPPOSITION leader Siddaramaiah, who is in the race for the CM's gaddi, on Wednesday claimed that the Grand Old Party will win 130 seats.

Siddaramaiah walked to the polling booth with family members after offering puja at Siddarameshwara temple in his native village of Siddaramanahundi. The Ahinda leader said it is up to the newly-elected MLAs and party high command to pick the new chief minister.

Asked whether he has a bright chance of assuming the chief minister's office for the second time, he admitted he has the opportunity. The Congress government will announce implementation of the five guarantees in the first cabinet meeting, he said.

"Extensive campaigns by PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah could not reverse the anti-incumbency factor as people had made up their minds to vote against the BJP government. The saffron party has always tried to win elections with money power as it has nothing to talk of before the people. Congress may get 130-150 seats, as it has fulfilled all its promises," he said.

Siddaramanahundi village gave him a rousing reception when he arrived to exercise his franchise. Villagers burst crackers and raised slogans of 'Boss, Boss, Siddu Boss!' and hailed him as the next chief minister. He walked the streets and waved at the long queues at polling booths. Police had a tough time clearing the crowds.

Inked on right finger

Siddaramaiah got inked on his right index finger, as he has an infection on his left finger. The marking, as directed by the Election Commission, came under public scrutiny when he displayed his right finger while son Yathindra flashed his left one.

GOWDA: JDS WILL CROSS MAGIC NUMBER

Hassan: JDS supremo and former PM HD Deve Gowda on Wednesday expressed confidence of the party getting a majority in the Assembly elections. Speaking to reporters after voting at Paduvalahippe village near here, Gowda said that people have accepted the schemes announced by his son and former CM HD Kumaraswamy during the party's pancharatne yatra. "I don't think people of the state will reject JDS this time as they are frustrated with both the national parties," he said. **ENS**

JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda and wife Chennamma voted in Hassan district

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and family pose after exercising their franchise in Shiggaon on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Bommai sure of majority, says exit polls inaccurate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hubballi

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday reiterated that the BJP will retain power in the state with a comfortable majority.

Speaking to the media at Shiggaon, Haveri district, Bommai also rubbished exit polls saying, "Exit polls are exit polls... it cannot be 100% accurate and no exit poll is showing consistent numbers. There will be plus or minus changes in seats and that may change the whole scenario. Let us wait for May 13."

Reacting to Congress' claim that a higher voter turnout will swing the results in the party's favour, the CM said it would actually help the BJP. "A higher polling percentage has always benefited the BJP," he added.

On any tie-up with the JDS in case of a fractured mandate, the CM said that there was no question of a hung Assembly. He also dismissed apprehension of resort politics.

BSY confident, says his son & BJP will win

ENS @ Shivamogga

FORMER chief minister and senior BJP leader BS Yediyurappa on Wednesday exercised his franchise in Shikaripura. Speaking to the media after voting, the Lingayat strongman said that with people's blessings, his son and BJP candidate from Shikaripura, BY Vijayendra, will win by a margin of over 40,000 votes.

He said the BJP would come to power on its own. "We will get 125-130 seats. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah have great interest in Karnataka..... with their blessings, the BJP will get more seats this time," he added.

MP BY Raghavendra said the BJP will win in all eight constituencies of Shivamogga district. "My brother, BY Vijayendra, contesting from Shikaripur, will emerge victorious with a record margin," he said, adding that the BJP will win anywhere between 123 and 127 seats. Raghavendra said that though Yediyurappa has retired from electoral politics, he is still very active in state politics.

Shivakumar blackmailed me, says Ramesh Jarkiholi

Belagavi: BJP MLA and party Gokak candidate Ramesh Jarkiholi on Wednesday alleged that KPCC president DK Shivakumar blackmailed him at 12.30 am on Wednesday asking him to stay away from the politics of Belagavi Rural constituency. The seat is represented by Congress MLA Laxmi Hebbalkar. Addressing the media near a polling booth in Gokak, Jarkiholi said Shivakumar warned him of releasing another CD. Jarkiholi said he does not care about such threats and would continue to work for party's growth. "He should come out of the clutches of the vishakanya," he said without naming anybody. He said Shivakumar should wake up and stop focusing on Belagavi Rural segment. "Shivakumar would spoil his political future if he continued to focus on this segment," added Jarkiholi.

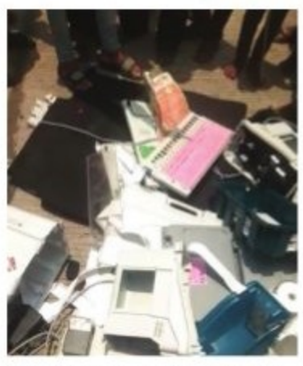
Mangala says Shettar will win

HUBBALLI: Bharatiya Janata Party MP Mangala Angadi said that Congress' Hubballi-Dharwad Central candidate Jagadish Shettar will win. She said, "There is a BJP wave in Belagavi and the party can win 13-14 seats. Shettar is not limited to a party as he has worked for people. He will win as such things are common in politics," she said.

POLL SHOTS

Villagers destroy EVMs, VVPATs, damage car in Vijayapura district

VIJAYAPURA: A group of villagers at Masabinal destroyed EVMs, VVPATs and control units that were being transported in a car by officials on Wednesday. The attackers also damaged the car and manhandled a sector officer. Vijayapura SP HD Anand Kumar said the villagers attacked the car carrying reserved EVMs and VVPATs. thinking that they were the same EVMs that were being used in the polling booth. The villagers, hearing false rumours, got enraged and destroyed the machines, he added. The villagers then pushed the car and turned it over, damaging the vehicle's windshields. DC Vijaymahantesh Danammanvar and the SP rushed to the spot to bring the situation under control. The police said 23 people have been arrested. **ENS**



The damaged EVMs and VVPATs at Masabinal village | EXPRESS

Villagers throw sarees, chicken given by KR Pet BJP candidate

MYSURU: KR Pet BJP candidate KC Narayana Gowda faced the ire of villagers from Ganjigere on Wednesday as they threw sarees and chicken given to them as allurements in front of the houses of local BJP leaders. Residents said BJP leaders distributed sarees to women and chicken to men on Tuesday night. An advocate, Ganjigere Lokesh rushed to the village and asked the voters to return the items, saying Gowda has failed to initiate any welfare programmes and completely neglected the village. On Wednesday morning, hundreds of villagers, went to the houses of local BJP leaders and threw the items in front of their doors. **ENS**

Clashes in Ballari district, 10 injured

BALLARI: Ten persons were injured in two separate clashes in Ballari district. In Sanjeevarayanakote in Ballari Rural, 10 persons belonging to both BJP and Congress were injured. Congressmen alleged that BJP supporters were violating the MCC at a polling booth. BJP workers, however, denied it and this resulted in a clash. Four persons were detained. In Siruguppa, a few youth entered a polling booth exhibiting a party symbol. The police, however, detained them. **ENS**

Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, his wife Trishika Kumari and former cricketer Javagal Srinath pose after voting in Mysuru on Wednesday | PTI

'Fake' voters, minor clashes, EVM snags mar polling

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IN Chincholi, Kalaburagi district, Congress workers caught a group of people, accusing them of being fake voters brought by Vijayapura Bharatiya Janata Party MLA Basangouda Patil Yatnal's supporters and seized many fake voter IDs.

At least 20 people were injured in a clash between BJP and Congress workers at Sanjeevarayanakote village in Ballari district. JDS and Congress workers clashed at Pillaganahalli in Hiriyur taluk of Chitradurga district and police resorted to a mild lathicharge to disperse them.

Melukote Janata Dal (Secular) candidate CS Puttaraju allegedly slapped a KRRS worker when a clash broke out between workers of the two parties at Pandavapura in Mandya district.

At Madhugiri in Tumakuru district, Congress workers attacked a police constable for advising them not to campaign on the booth premises.

In the evening, a clash broke out between BJP and Congress workers at Moodbidri in Dakshina Kannada. The trouble started when Congress workers accused their BJP counterparts of throwing stones at Moodbidri Congress candidate Mithun Rai's car when he visited a booth. Two persons, including a policeman, were injured and police vehicles were damaged in the incident.

There were sporadic complaints across the state of voters' names being deleted from the electoral rolls.

While minor glitches of EVMs were reported in a few booths, no repoll was ordered in any station. "Advance planning, use of technology, exhaustive reviews and strict monitoring ensured smooth conduct of elections," the EC said.

THEY KEEP THEIR DATE WITH DEMOCRACY

Woman gives birth inside booth

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Ballari

A 23-year-old woman voter gave birth to a baby boy inside a polling booth, in Kurlagundi village government school voting booth in Kurugodu constituency, Ballari district, on Wednesday. It was a normal delivery and both mother and baby are healthy. Manila M suddenly developed labour pain while waiting in the queue, and was advised by other women to return home, but she insisted on casting her vote. They helped her skip the queue and vote, by which time she was in acute pain.

"Immediately, some of our women officials and other women in the booth took her to an adjoining room and helped deliver the baby. Both mother and baby are healthy, and were shifted to the village primary hospital. Everyone appreciated her courage in coming to vote in her condition. She was nearly nine months pregnant," said Venkatesh Ramachandrappa, sector officer of Kurugodu.

Rangamma S, a family member, said they tried to advise her from going to vote because only last week, doctors had told her that the baby was due any time, but she did not heed them. "I went with her after she cast her vote. She delivered the baby in 10 minutes. It's her first baby," said Rangamma.

2 elders die at polling booths in B'gavi, C'durga

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi/Chitradurga

In a tragic incident, a senior citizen who arrived at a polling booth in Belagavi district died after she suffered a bout of low blood pressure. The deceased was Parawwa Ishwar Sidnal (68), a resident of Yarazarvi of Yaragatti taluk.

According to sources, as she entered the school compound, she collapsed. Her relatives and polling staff rushed her to a hospital, but she had already died. A medical team confirmed that she had died from low blood pressure.

Separately, Ameer Sab (65), a resident of Renukapura village of Talaku hobli in Challakere taluk, Chitradurga district, died soon after he had cast his vote. When Sab arrived at the polling station, he was well, but his health deteriorated after he voted, resulting in his death.

Officer in soup for changing vote of specially-abled woman

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kalaburagi

The returning officer of the Chittapur constituency changed the presiding officer of a polling booth at Chamnoor after it was complained that he pressed the button of BJP on behalf of a specially abled woman against her wish.

Official sources said the woman, Bassamma Entuman, sought the help of presiding officer BC Chauhan to exercise her franchise in favour of the Congress candidate.

But Chauhan pressed the BJP button in the EVM. The woman who noticed this took strong objection and the people who were standing in the queue also objected.

Congress candidate Priyank Kharge rushed to the spot and complained to the Election Commission.

Immediately, returning officer Naveenkumar replaced Chauhan and handed the latter over to the police.

Congress leader Bhagawan said that when the EVM was tested, it was found that the presiding officer had pressed the button 50 times in BJP's favour. The presiding officer deleted those votes after the people complained, he added.

Advising BRS leaders and activists to counter the BJP's 'Jai Sri Ram' and 'Jai Bajrang Bali' slogans effectively, MLC K Kavitha on Wednesday urged people to chant the Hanuman Chalisa to promote well-being and prosperity

DMK FILES: STALIN SUES ANNAMALAI

Says TN BJP chief made allegations to defame him for 'personal political gain'

R SIVAKUMAR @Chennai

TAMIL Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin has filed a defamation suit against state BJP president K Annamalai for causing "immutable injury" to his reputation by making allegations of corruption. City public prosecutor (CPP) G Devarajan filed the suit before the principal sessions and district court of Chennai on Wednesday on behalf of the chief minister.

Citing the statements and video clippings called 'DMK Files' released by Annamalai on April 14, 2023, the suit said they impeached upon the reputation of the CM.

The CPP urged the court to take cognizance of the complaint and punish Annamalai for offences under Section 499 and 500 of the IPC.

"The statements and video clippings of the accused contain both elements of mens rea and actus reus," the CPP said.

The suit said the "defamatory statement" of Annamalai has "reasonable connection" with the discharge of public duties by the CM, and the statements are not only "defamatory in nature" but also have "direct nexus between the discharge of public duties and the office of the CM". This is the first defamation suit filed by the CM after the DMK came to power in 2021.

Blaming Annamalai of making the allegations with an intention of "malice" to defame the CM for "personal political gain", the CPP said the rationale for the special procedure engrafted by Section 199 (2) of CrPC is that the offence of defamation committed against the CM "is really an offence committed against the state as the same relates to discharge of public functions."

The suit also termed the allegations of corruption made by Annamalai of not just being devoid of truth and good faith, but also intentionally made against the interest of public good, though the CM is not averse to fair criticism.

Levelling various allegations of corruption and amassing wealth against the CM and some of his cabinet colleagues, Annamalai had claimed that a private company paid kickback of Rs 200 crore to Stalin through shell companies in 2011 ahead of the Assembly polls.

Police take KSU workers into preventive custody during a protest following the murder of a doctor in Kochi on Wednesday

TANUR TRAGEDY

Boat driver in police net

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Tanur (Malappuram)/T'Puram

THE police on Wednesday arrested the driver of the boat involved in the May 7 Tanur accident that left 22 people dead. Meanwhile, the government formed a three-member judicial commission chaired by Justice (retired) V K Mohanan to probe the tragic incident.

Dinesan, the driver of the ill-fated vessel Atlantic that capsized in Poorapuzha river, was picked up by the special investigation team (SIT). He is the fifth person to be arrested.

Nasar P, the boat's owner, was arrested from Kozhikode on Monday, a day after the incident. Nasar's brother and Tanur native Salam (53), relative Vahid (27), and friend Muhammad Shafi (37), who were the crew members, were taken into custody on Tuesday night. Their arrests were recorded on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, as per the cabinet decision, the judicial panel will have two technical experts – Neelakantan Unni, retired chief engineer of Inland Waterways Authority of India, and Suresh Kumar, chief engineer of Kerala Waterways and Infrastructure Ltd – as members.

The government had earlier announced Rs 10 lakh each as compensation to the next of the kin of the 22 people who died in the accident. The government had also allocated Rs 25 lakh for the treatment of the injured and for the rescue operations. It will fund the follow-up treatment of the injured persons, too.

8 students die by suicide in TS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hyderabad

IN a series of tragic events following the announcement of Intermediate results, as many as eight students took their own lives on Wednesday, while one more student attempted suicide, and one left home to return later. This brought the total number of exam-related student suicides to 10, including the deaths of M Prajwal on Tuesday and G Krishna in April.

The distressing trend has been attributed to fears of low marks and academic failure among students who faced disappointment in their Intermediate examinations.

Among the reported cases, six were recorded across the three police commissionerates within Hyderabad, while the remaining incidents were documented at the BDL police station in Sangareddy, Kothakota in Wanaparthy, and Medipally in Jagtial.

Shanti Kumari, a first-year Intermediate student, jumped from the fifth floor of a building. Ambati Haritha, a second-year student and resident of Punjagutta, hanged herself, allegedly being depressed over the result.

Revanth Kumar, a resident of Vinayaknagar, Neredmet, took his own life by hanging following his failure in one subject. Meanwhile, in Vanasthalipuram, 17-year-old V Gayathri ended her life at her residence in Hasthinapuram after failing in her Intermediate exams. However, her sister cleared the same exams.

In two separate incidents, Gowtham Kumar and Jahnavi, both second-year Intermediate students, were found hanging in their homes at Saifabad and Santoshnagar.

In Sangareddy's BDL police station, a girl named Bhavani, who had failed all subjects in her second year of Intermediate studies, went missing on Tuesday. However, she returned home on Wednesday.

Kothakota in Wanaparthy reported two distressing incidents. A first-year Intermediate student named Naveena hanged herself after discovering her low marks, while another first-year student, 16-year-old Navya, attempted suicide.

Meanwhile, Boddupalli Abhishek (18) was found hanging in the Medipally mandal headquarters in Jagtial district.

CRAFTING A LIVELIHOOD

An artisan makes bamboo handfans which are seeing a huge demand due to soaring summer temperatures and frequent power disruptions, in Bhubaneswar on Wednesday | SHAMIM QURESHY

EXPRESS READ

One more with links to radical outfit held

Hyderabad: A day after five of his co-accused were detained by the Counter Intelligence Cell of Telangana Police and the Anti-Terrorist Squad of Madhya Pradesh, one Salaam alias Salman was captured after a manhunt in Jawaharnagar on Wednesday. Salaam, a daily wage labourer, had managed to evade capture during the joint operation conducted on Tuesday. Meanwhile, all 16 individuals arrested for suspected links to the extremist group Hizb-ut-Tahrir (HuT) were presented before a court in Bhopal, which granted the Anti-Terrorist Squad five-day custody until May 19. The NIA and the Intelligence Bureau, had been monitoring the activities of these suspects for the past three months. **ENS**

Serial killer nabbed for murdering 3 in Andhra

Guntur: A psycho killer murdered two persons in their sleep in a span of 10 minutes in Narasaraopet of Palnadu district on Wednesday. The Palnadu police, who have taken the accused into custody for his alleged involvement in the killing of the duo, found that the accused had killed another victim in Narasaraopet town a week ago. The police said 31-year-old Ankamma Rao used to target destitute and those living on the roadside. Over 15 cases were booked against him for causing public disturbance and physically abusing others in the past. It is learnt that police officials mulled registering a case against Rao for his violent behaviour but before they could, he murdered three persons. **ENS**

Vandana dreamt of making an impact, say batchmates

RAHUL R @ Kollam

THE death of Dr Vandana Das has deeply scarred her friends and teachers, who are struggling to come to terms with her sudden departure. As a 23-year-old, Vandana had a bright future ahead of her, with dreams of making an impact in the world. She was preparing for her MBBS convocation in June, when her life was tragically cut short.

Dr Rashid, one of Vandana's batchmates, remembers her as a hardworking and dedicated student who never gave up on her aspirations. "She had big dreams, and she worked tirelessly to achieve them. But now her dreams have been snatched away from her. The incident will stay with us for the rest of our lives," he says.

Vandana's friends also recall her fearless spirit during the peak of the Covid pandemic, when she played an active role in spreading awareness about the disease. "I remember how brave she was during those scary times. She would share Covid numbers and facts on her social media accounts to keep everyone informed. We even took part in protests against atrocities faced by doctors. Now, I'm shocked that she has become a victim," says Dr Nayan, another classmate.

Dr Liqquat Roopesh, who was Vandana's teacher for the last five years, describes her passion for community medicine and helping those in need. "She had a strong passion for community medicine, and she's actively pursuing it. As part of our job, we travel to rural areas to serve the people. However, even in Kerala where law and order is considered to be impeccable, we were deeply saddened to learn of her tragic death. This loss not only takes away a precious human life but also dashes the hopes of millions of people whose lives she could have changed," he said, his voice tinged with anger.

The body of Dr Vandana was placed at Azeezia Medical College Hospital in Kollam, where her classmates and loved ones paid their respects. The mortal remains were later taken to her hometown in Kottayam, where she will be laid to rest.

PINARAYI PROMISES STRICT ACTION

T'Puram: Governor Arif Mohammed Khan and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan visited the private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram to pay homage to Dr Vandana Das. They spoke to the parents of the victim before the body was taken for post-mortem at medical college. The chief minister said the murder of the doctor while on duty was shocking and painful. He also said that strong measures would be taken to prevent attacks against doctors and health workers. After the postmortem, the body was taken to Azeezia Hospital in Kollam where Dr Vandana was a student. Cooperation Minister V N Vasavan accompanied the ambulance and he was joined by Finance Minister K N Balagopal at Kollam. The medical students staged a protest during the public homage held at the college. The funeral function will be held at her home in Kaduthuruthy, Kottayam, on Thursday afternoon.

'She was passionate about being a doctor'

ABHILASH CHANDRAN
@Kottayam

'DR Vandana Das MBBS', reads the nameplate outside K G Mohandas' house at Pattalamukk near Kuruppanthara in Kottayam. The proud father had got it fixed on one of the pillars of the house's entrance gate without waiting for his daughter's house surgency to complete. Though simple in appearance, it speaks volumes of Mohandas' love and affection for Vandana.

In fact, everyone in the locality liked Vandana, the lone daughter of Mohandas and Vasantha Kumari of Nampichirakalayil house. Fondly called Vandu, she was a calm, silent and simple girl, who always had a smile on her face.

"She was extremely passionate about becoming a doctor as she wanted to serve people," said Dr Jishnu Shaji, her former classmate. He still can't believe what happened. "I can't understand how a man can attack such a girl," he said.

Vandana was killed just weeks ahead of a reception that was planned in her honour by the SNDP Kuruppanthara branch on May 28 to celebrate successful completion of her MBBS.

For relatives, friends and neighbours who gathered at Nampichirakalayil house, she was a studious child, who lived up to her parents' expectations and was the apple of their eye. Like Dr Jishnu, many can't believe she is no more.

"She was always pleasant; never caused her parents any problem. We were shocked to learn of her death. I don't know how her parents are coping with the loss," said Raghavan, a friend of Mohandas.

Her parents were inconsolable. They left for Thiruvananthapuram around 6.30am immediately after getting information of the attack on their daughter. They learnt of her death only upon reaching the hospital.

Well-wishers who thronged her house since Wednesday morning spoke about the strong bond between the father and daughter. Mohandas, himself a double MA degree holder, yearned for his daughter to become a doctor.

"There were talks of her marriage. Mohandas owns an old Ambassador car and wished to take her to the wedding hall in it," said S Jayathilakan, a relative.

Villagers boycott polls over govt apathy

RAMACHANDRA V GUNARI
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Villagers boycotted polls and raised slogans in support of their demands at Kanasinakatte village in Bhadravathi taluk on Wednesday | EXPRESS

VOTERS of Kanasinakatte village of Bhadravathi taluk, which is just 20km away from Shivamogga city with a total of 1,180 voters, boycotted the elections as they do not have a burial ground, bus services and Morarji School which was shifted to another place, which they have been demanding for many years.

"There are no network services in our village, hampering studies of students, business and agriculture activities. The authorities concerned and elected representatives have been informed about the decision to boycott elections as about a fortnight ago, we had put up a banner barring entry of any leader," said Ramesh, a resident of the village, adding that their demands were neglected for over a decade.

Dr Pramod, an ortho-oncologist, a resident of the village, who works in Bengaluru, said "Over the last decade, we have been demanding basic amenities. All elected representatives have failed to address our demands. I came with my wife and children to vote, but I am standing with the residents as they are facing these issues," he said.

Authorities said only three people had voted by 2pm. ASHA, Anganwadi workers and staffers also cast their votes.

POLL VIOLENCE

BJP, Cong workers clash in Moodbidri, 4 injured

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

CLASHES broke out between BJP and Congress workers at Moodshedde in Moodbidri of Dakshina Kannada after the polling ended on Wednesday. Congress workers alleged that BJP workers pelted stones at Moodbidri Congress candidate Mithun Rai's car while he was passing by after visiting a polling booth. When Mithun visited the booth, Congress workers raised slogans in support of him.

Three of Congress, and a cop, suffered head injuries in the stone pelting and a police car was damaged. Police personnel rushed to the spot. However, the Congress workers demanded that the BJP workers who attacked Rai's car be arrested and refused to leave the spot. They also blamed the police for inaction. Meanwhile, BJP workers raised slogans in support of PM Modi. The situation was tense in Moodbidri and the police deployed a KSRP battalion. Mangaluru City Police Commissioner Kuldeep Kumar R Jain rushed to the spot. Section 144 has been imposed in Kavoor station limits.

No question of JDS becoming kingmaker, says Bommai

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BJP, which is banking on PM's charisma, its social engineering and double-engine government's performance, seems confident of bucking the trend to retain power. "We will get an absolute majority on our own. Exit polls are not 100% accurate with 5 to 10% variables. Each agency gives a different result, which is not consistent. We have a complete ground report that we will get an absolute majority," Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Wednesday evening, adding that there is no question of JDS becoming a kingmaker.

Congress, which ran a well-planned campaign against BJP, appeared to be confident of getting a clear majority.

Tribals fall for 'vote-for-cash', miss wages too

Mysuru: Many tribal families in the fringes of HD Kote and Hunsur taluk were left on the roads after they cast their votes expecting money as promised by leaders. They incurred losses because they also could not earn their daily wages. At a polling station near Sonahalli village in HD Kote taluk, a tribal family of four were seen lambasting a local leader. A tribal family, residents of Sonahalli tribal hamlet were approached by a local leader who offered them Rs 400 along with liquor if they vote as he says. "We were given the voters' slip and told which candidate to vote for. When we came out of the station, he was missing," said a tribal woman. **ENS**

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BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD NO 1/1,1ST FLOOR,JC CIRCLE,KR ROAD,HOSAKOTE,BANGALORE RURAL- 562114 **AUCTION DATE: 29.05.2023**
KAR-HOSAKOTE: 706204411, 706204434, 706204455, 706204485, 706204486, 706204555, 706204558, 706204655, 706204660, 706204669, 706204674, 706204680, 706204686, 706204689, 706204693, 706204699, 706204762, 706204767, 706204799, 706204811, 706204985, 706205063, 706205170, 706205172, 706205175, 706205176, 706205182, 706205877. KAR-KENGERI: 8141, 8191, 8193, 8210, 8218, 8283, 8318, 8466. KAR-KUMBALGODU: 14476, 14516, 14528, 14536, 14544, 14545, 14546, 14613, 14677, 14678, 14690, 14713, 14715, 14725, 14726, 14765, 14822, 14838, 14847, 14867, 14907, 14910, 15006, 15014, 15036, 15040.

BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS #8/14 SM ROAD NEAR AYYAPPA TEMPLE JALAHALLI WEST BANGALORE 560015 **AUCTION DATE: 29.05.2023**
KAR-A D HALLI: 10063, 10115, 10132, 10155, 10191, 10202, 10210, 10251, 10504. KAR-ANJANANAGAR: 10712, 10719, 10721, 10743, 10746, 10770, 10829, 10838, 10848, 10849, 10877, 10878, 10884, 10994, 11001, 11006, 11011, 11016, 11061. KAR-ASWATH NAGAR: 16. KAR-ATHEBELE: 5786, 5788, 5789, 5794, 5812, 5821, 5840, 5880, 5887, 5890, 5891, 5920, 5926, 5932, 5933, 6028, 6032, 6125. KAR-BANASHANKARI: 11032, 11234, 11241. KAR-BASAVESHWARNAGAR: 10504, 10522, 10564, 10584, 10600, 10848, 10876. KAR-BOMMANAHALLI: 16652, 16783, 16811. KAR-BTM LAYOUT: 9320, 9443, 9444, 9460, 9467, 9546, 9547. KAR-CHANDAPURA: 9069, 9106, 9109, 9192. KAR-DODDA BANASAWADI: 10008769, 10008890, 10008942, 10008944, 10008955, 10009161, 10009162, 10009163, 10009177, 10009233, 10009234, 10009235, 10009247, 10009250, 10009257, 10009360. KAR-DODDA BOMMASANDRA: 12340, 12375, 12444, 12654. KAR-GANDHI BAZAAR: 763, 782. KAR-GIRINAGAR: 10419, 10428, 10487, 10550, 27732, 27798. KAR-HEBBAGODI: 22099, 22122, 22123, 22208, 22217, 22233, 22236, 22237, 22250, 22267, 22285, 22287, 22490, 22630, 22650. KAR-HEBBAL BANGALORE: 9740, 9806, 8584, 8872, 8871, 8883, 8604, 8869, 8900, 8626, 8868, 8583, 8903, 8585, 8870, 8906, 8582, 8876, 8882, 8564, 8586, 8612, 8565, 8637, 8867, 8881, 8899, 10005. KAR-HENNUR: 63628724, 63628738, 63628830, 706303978, 706304005, 706304289, 706304308, 706304316, 706304383, 706304384, 706304395. KAR-HOSA ROAD: 27172, 27173, 27176, 27199, 27237, 27244, 27245, 27275, 27277, 27291, 27359, 27378, 27385, 27679, 27758, 27786, 27870, 28560. KAR-HOSAGUDDADAHALLI: 615, 627, 644, 257, 279, 696. KAR-HSR LAYOUT: 23058, 23170, 23178, 23179, 23180, 23236, 23260, 23273, 23288, 23297, 23301, 23312, 23333, 23334, 23371, 23405, 23441, 23551, 23552, 23553, 23556, 23588, 23597. KAR-INFANTRY ROAD: 5739, 5740, 5824. KAR-JALAHALLI: 17180, 17191, 17194, 17212, 17213, 17216, 17223, 17247, 17304, 17306, 17359, 17395, 17400, 17437, 17457, 17461, 17471, 17542, 17568, 17708, 18152. KAR-JAYANAGAR: 9712, 9713, 9719, 9720, 9735, 9749, 9777, 9790, 9800, 9803, 9810, 9840. KAR-JP NAGAR: 18148, 18167, 18181, 18186, 18189, 18194, 18209, 18215, 18216, 18217, 18219, 18228, 18242, 18246, 18300. KAR-K.R PURAM: 78703613, 78703620, 78703692, 78703764, 78704082, 78704435. KAR-KAGGADASAPURA: 30028360, 30028373, 30028376, 30028378, 30028384, 30028397, 30028416, 30028430, 30028439, 30028448, 30028193, 30028452. KAR-KAMMANAHALLI: 28159, 28220, 28482. KAR-KORAMANGALA: 4998, 5012, 5013, 5014, 5015, 5016, 5039, 5053, 5056, 5057, 5087. KAR-KOTHANNUR: 30003151, 30003169, 30003180, 30003188, 30003195, 30003244, 30003254, 30003255, 30003256, 30003281, 30003293, 30003308, 30003357, 30003476, 30003477, 30003487, 30003488, 30003492, 30003503. KAR-LALBAGH: 13947, 13958, 13959, 13979, 14019, 14022, 14067. KAR-LINGARAJAPURAM: 6458, 6485, 6593. KAR-M.S.PALYA: 30003193, 30003225, 30003226, 30003249, 30003313, 30003330, 30003331, 30003332, 30003365, 30003396, 30003439, 30003544, 30004427. KAR-MADIVALA: 12546, 12547, 12643, 12708. KAR-MALLESHWARAM: 7907, 7956, 7960, 7998, 8015, 8152. KAR-MANJUNATHA NAGAR: 17370, 17434, 17531, 17541, 17543, 17627, 17635, 17657, 17716, 17740, 17742, 17776, 17780, 17803, 17806, 17809, 17846, 17859, 17867, 17877, 17893, 17919, 17936, 17953, 17971, 17973, 17983, 17993. KAR-MARATHAHALLI: 9056, 9072, 9076, 9077, 9161, 9182, 9186, 9187, 9188, 9192, 9197, 9198, 9199, 9226. KAR-MARUTHISEVA NAGAR: 9534, 9575, 9579, 9585, 9762, 9816, 9817. KAR-MATHIKERE: 10009035, 10009129, 10009162, 10009294, 10009307, 10009325, 10009349, 10009350, 10009353, 10009381, 10009387, 10009392, 10009395, 10009410, 10009411, 10009420, 10009432, 10009433, 10009437, 10009443, 10009506, 10009520. KAR-MOODALAPALYA: 9528, 9529, 9530, 9531, 9535, 9536, 9596, 9600, 9713. KAR-MUTHANALLUR: 8229, 8243, 8284, 8373, 8374, 8375. KAR-NAGARABHAVI: 10072, 10096, 10580. KAR-PEENYA: 1079303, 1079328, 1079376, 1079499, 1079712, 1079731, 1079737. KAR-RAJAJINAGAR: 10895, 10896, 10902, 10919. KAR-RAJARAJESHWARI: 911, 912, 938, 1054, 1070. KAR-RAMAMURTHY NAGAR: 14349, 14378, 14379, 14407, 14408, 14409, 14412, 14413, 14414, 14567, 14598, 14630. KAR-RT NAGAR: 15918, 15938, 16037, 16038, 16067, 16073, 16134, 16162, 16175, 16363, 16409, 16411, 16451, 16479, 16491, 16501, 16516, 17042. KAR-SANJAY NAGAR: 7415, 7420, 7517, 7540. KAR-SARJAPUR ROAD: 14041, 14064, 14088, 14120, 14190. KAR-SBM COLONY: 8276, 8281, 8287, 8288, 8289, 8543, 8577, 8584, 8620. KAR-SRINAGAR: 9681, 9726, 9742, 9929, 10003. KAR-SUMANAHALLI: 59986, 60032, 60033. KAR-SUNKADAKATTE: 18924, 18930, 18939, 18975, 19064, 19090, 19472. KAR-T.C.PALYA: 12144, 12162, 12177, 12222, 12251, 12267, 12323, 12330, 12475, 12476, 12552, 12631. KAR-THANISANDRA: 8524, 8573, 8618, 8622. KAR-THIPPASANDRA: 30398, 30442, 30443, 30463, 30559, 30560, 30575, 30736, 30790, 30796. KAR-UDAYNAGAR: 7102, 7132, 7191, 7205. KAR-UTTARAHALLI: 319211, 319212, 319249, 319299, 319307, 319365, 319366, 319436, 319526. KAR-VIDYARANYAPURA: 9201, 9242, 9255, 9259. KAR-VIJAYNAGAR: 8984, 9001, 9032, 9044, 9060, 9074, 9088, 9095, 9110, 9111, 9115, 9118, 9139, 9144, 9157. KAR-VIVEKNAGAR: 13631, 13694, 13700, 13731, 13752, 13767, 13869, 13873, 13874, 13891, 13897, 13906, 13907, 13936, 14294. KAR-YESHWANTHPUR: 98612669, 98612747, 98612756, 98612777, 98612801, 98612806, 98612955, 98612982, 98613009, 98613027.

CHAMARAJNAGAR DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD # 34 SRI RAMA COMPLEX BANAJIGARA BUILDING SAMPIGE ROAD CHAMARAJANAGAR-571313 **AUCTION DATE: 29.05.2023**
KAR-CHAMARAJA NAGARA: 18878, 18906, 19115, 19150, 19410. KAR-GUNDLUPET: 12046, 12060, 12080, 12122, 12209, 12210, 12242, 12273, 12536, 12576. KAR-KOLLEGALA: 11348, 11405, 11433, 11441, 11442, 11686.

CHITRADURGA DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD.1ST FLOOR,2535/B,SUVARANA COMPLEX.OPPOSITE SHANKAR TALKES, LAXMI BAZAR ROAD CHITRADURGA-577501 **AUCTION DATE: 30.05.2023**
KAR-CHITRADURGA: 7875, 7957. KAR-HOLALKERE: 15795, 15818, 15824, 15855, 15904, 15946, 15979, 16015, 16045, 16115, 16249, 16263, 16357, 16437.

DAVANAGERE DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD SREE KOTTURESHWARA COMPLEX 1ST CROSS ASHOKA ROAD DAVANGERE-577002 **AUCTION DATE: 30.05.2023**
KAR-DAVANAGERE: 10423, 10434, 10444, 10457, 10474, 10478, 10515, 10519, 10521, 10538, 10541, 10546, 10550, 10634, 10678, 10730.

HASSAN DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD 1ST FLOOR SNS COMPLEX OPP MAHAVEERA PETROL BUNK B M ROAD HASSAN **AUCTION DATE: 31.05.2023**
KAR-ARSIKERE: 35262, 35286, 35307, 35315, 35325, 35332, 35334, 35353, 35363, 35403, 35427, 35477, 35482, 35506, 35515, 35516, 35526, 35570, 35571, 35572, 35587, 35605, 35618, 35621, 35637, 35644, 35648, 35702, 35735, 35746, 35749, 35762, 35791, 35812, 35835, 35841, 35884, 35915, 35959, 35978, 36134, 36162, 36168, 36203, 36238, 36261, 36296, 37975. KAR-BM ROAD-HASSAN: 15923, 15924, 15949, 15955, 16012, 16135, 16166, 16167, 16172, 16224, 16229, 16288, 16371, 16372, 16416, 16425, 16595, 16596, 16597, 16598, 16622. KAR-CHENNARAYAPATNA: 14299, 14332, 14342, 14475, 14495, 14498, 14551, 14564, 14573, 14613, 14629, 14726, 14885, 14971. KAR-RC ROAD: 14469, 14508, 14573, 14583, 14600, 14675, 14677, 14683, 14688, 14708, 14725, 14960, 14984, 15014, 15036, 15057, 15058, 15068, 15339.

MANDYA DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, SIDDALINGESHWARA COMPLEX DURGABHAVAN CIRCLE K R PET TOWN **AUCTION DATE: 01.06.2023**
KAR-KR PET: 8987, 9031, 9059, 9073, 9083, 9112, 9151, 9152, 9156, 9164, 9205, 9207, 9275, 9332, 9403, 9427, 9430.

MYSORE DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS # 4583/1 GANESHA TEMPLE ROAD NEAR MARUTHI CIRCLE N R MOHALLA MYSORE-570007 **AUCTION DATE: 01.06.2023**
KAR-AGRAHARA: 11766, 11767, 11772, 11853, 11855, 11945, 11974, 12146, 12162. KAR-BOGADI: 7315, 7322, 7323, 7365, 7366, 7385, 7398, 7399, 7446, 7451, 7455, 7492, 7511, 7531, 8008. KAR-CHAMARAJA DOUBLE ROAD: 9960, 9969, 9994, 10015, 10016, 10050. KAR-HEBBAL MYSORE: 16122, 16147, 16303, 16381, 16412, 16424, 16445, 16447, 16481. KAR-HINKAL: 8578, 8658, 8708, 8709, 8943, 8984. KAR-KR NAGAR: 16301, 16368, 16384, 16392, 16442, 16444, 16446, 16447, 16452, 16453, 16478, 16479, 16480, 16527, 16535, 16739, 16952, 16979, 17018, 17183, 17372. KAR-NANJANGUD: 11367, 11380, 11473, 11501, 11604, 19529, 19530, 19783. KAR-NR MOHALLA: 32636, 33161, 33259. KAR-PANDAVAPURA: 18625, 18754, 18892, 18893, 18894, 18896, 18904, 18909, 19114, 19116, 19142, 19599. KAR-SARASWATHIPURAM: 6314, 6340, 6362, 6497, 6499. KAR-THERESIAN COLLEGE CIRCLE: 16541. KAR-V V MOHALLA: 10476, 10487, 10492, 10493, 10494, 10510, 10511, 10532, 10561, 10573, 10591, 10595, 10597, 10704, 10714, 10719, 10748, 10756, 10784, 10812. KAR-VIVEK CIRCLE: 9379, 9415, 9798.

RAMANAGAR DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD ABR TOWER ,2ND FLOOR, ABOVE MAYURA PARADISE ,OPP.KSRTC BUSTAND, IJOOR , BM ROAD,RAMANAGARA-562159 **AUCTION DATE: 01.06.2023**
KAR-BIDADI: 17259, 17275, 17310, 17350, 17389, 17397, 17424, 17452, 17471, 17568, 17602, 17710, 17734. KAR-RAMANAGARA: 14129, 14147, 14184, 14203, 14242, 14257, 14272, 14290, 14325, 14375, 14473, 14509, 14528, 14558, 19524, 19569, 19572, 19655, 19656, 19665, 19680, 19964, 20033, 20710.

SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD 1ST FLOOR C.N ROAD BEHIND GOVT.HOSPITAL NEAR RANGAPPA CIRCLE OPP JAYANTHI STORE, BHADRAVATHI-577301 **AUCTION DATE: 02.06.2023**
KAR-BHADRAVATHI: 706204478, 706204508, 706204518, 706204531, 706204536, 706204540, 706204547, 706204568, 706204572, 706204573, 706204631, 706204635, 706204636, 706204637, 706204648, 706204669, 706204670, 706204681, 706204684, 706204691, 706204695, 706204696, 706204701, 706204710, 706204715, 706204719, 706204723, 706204725, 706204731, 706204761, 706204779, 706204783, 706204895, 706204977, 706205034, 706203178, 706203496, 706203674, 706203750, 706203131, 706203179, 706203195, 706203134, 706203749, 706204433, 706205067. KAR-SAGARA: 7224, 7234, 7253, 7260, 7298, 7312, 7340, 7345, 7388, 7460. KAR-VIDYANAGAR: 14464, 14519, 14547, 14613, 14616, 14617, 14633, 14640, 14653, 14682, 14695, 14696, 14745, 14752, 14773, 14795, 15041, 15049, 15246, 15248, 15254, 15269, 15282, 15341, 15420, 15422, 15441. KAR-VINOBHANAGAR: 7879, 8008, 8054, 8085, 8097, 8134, 8138, 8146, 8167, 8189, 8200, 8210, 8223, 8242, 8300, 8776.

TUMKUR DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD. FIRST FLOOR, TVV CIRCLE OPP.BHARATH PETROLEUM BUNK. MADHUGIRI. 572132 **AUCTION DATE: 02.06.2023**
KAR-KORATEGERE: 17285, 17288, 17311, 17368, 17498, 17570, 17571, 17576, 17577, 17618, 17631, 17644, 17842, 18017, 18045. KAR-KUNIGAL: 31025, 31034, 31112, 31130, 31146, 31157, 31261, 31279, 31353, 31357, 31391, 31403. KAR-MADHUGIRI: 14436, 14438, 14462, 14483, 14484, 14500, 14535, 14577, 14600, 14608, 14614, 14649, 14690, 14692, 14695, 14708, 14724, 14727, 14731, 15017, 15142, 15148, 15450, 15568, 15684. KAR-MANDIPET: 9344, 9364, 9375, 9388, 9499, 9500, 9753, 10072, 10080. KAR-SIRA: 30012429, 30012447, 30012456, 30012486, 30012502, 30012509, 30012578, 30012594, 30012609, 30012654, 30012655, 30012673, 30012692, 30012699, 30012908, 30013052. KAR-TIPTUR: 34583, 34622, 34625, 34675, 34680, 34693, 34694, 34740, 34763, 34800, 34804, 34835, 34855, 34916, 34920, 34923, 34924, 34943, 34951, 34955, 34990, 35024, 35028, 35825.

For further information, terms and conditions and getting registered to participate in auction, interested buyers may contact directly to auction department of Muthoottu Mini Financiers Limited at mail id.auction@muthoottumini.com.
Note: - 1. Bidders are requested to produce identity card/Authorization/Pan card no. /GST Certificate with an EMD of Rs.200000/- to the company's account for the participation.
2. Successful bidders should transfer the full amount by RTGS.

Place: Kaloor,
Date: 11/05/2023.

Authorised Officer,
Muthoottu Mini Financiers Ltd

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

E-TENDER NOTICE (2ND CALL)

MSETCL SRM invites online RFx (E-Tender) from the Registered Contractors for MAHATRANSCO E-Tendering (SRM) website for below mentioned work. **E-tender No./RFx No. 7000026585 Name of Work: 2nd Call** for "Work of Shifting / Height Raising of 220 kV D/C Tarapur-Borivali & Tarapur-Boisar Tr. Line between Loc. No. 45 to 48 against infringement crossing with proposed Bullet train (NHSRCL) alignment at Chainage 106/700 under EHV Projects Division, Kalyan under EHV Projects Circle, Kalwa using ERS (Emergency Restoration System) for reducing the outage time." **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 31,88,36,144/- **Tender Fee:** Rs. 25,000/- + GST. **Date for Sale and Submission of the E-Tender Documents:** From 11.05.2023 @ 11:00 Hrs to 12.06.2023 @ 12:00 Hrs. For detailed information visit our website: **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
EHV PC (O&M) Zone, Vashi

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MSETCL SRM invites online RFx (E-Tender) from the Registered Contractors for MAHATRANSCO E-Tendering (SRM) website for below mentioned work. **E-tender No./RFx No. 7000026584 Name of Work: 2nd Call** for "Work of Shifting / Height Raising of 220 kV D/C PGCIL - Wada Tr. Line between Loc. No. 06 to 09 against infringement crossing with proposed Bullet train NHSRCL alignment at Chainage 104/486 under EHV Projects Division, Kalyan under EHV Projects Circle, Kalwa." **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 65,59,14,621/- **Tender Fee:** Rs. 25,000/- + GST. **Date for Sale and Submission of the E-Tender Documents:** From 11.05.2023 @ 11:00 Hrs to 12.06.2023 @ 12:00 Hrs. For detailed information visit our website: **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
EHV PC (O&M) Zone, Vashi

इंडियन बैंक **Indian Bank**
इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

Banashankari 2nd Stage Branch
590, 24th Cross, 14th Main,
Banashankari II Stage, Bengaluru-560085

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sec. 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas at the request of you, (below mentioned borrowers/guarantors) **Indian Bank, Banashankari 2nd Stage Branch** has granted credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of properties mortgaged by you by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the bank are mentioned here under. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, the below mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

Name of the Borrower: 1).M/s. R R Exports (Borrower) Partnership Firm No. 39/40, Nrupathunga Nagar, Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560078 **represented by a. Mr. N Viswanath Jetty,** No.243/1, 1st Floor, 11th Main, RBI Layout, JPNagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru-560078. **b.Mr. K Ravikumar,** No. 505, 13th A Cross, 29th Main, J P Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560078. **2). Mr. K Ravikumar (Borrower - Partner and Mortgager),** No.505, 13th A Cross, 29th Main, J P Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560078. **3). Guarantors: a. Mr. N Viswanath Jetty,** No. 243/1, 1st floor, 11th Main, RBI Layout, JPNagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru-560078. **b. Mr. K Ravikumar,** No.505, 13th A Cross, 29th Main, J P Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560078. **c. Mrs. Kousalya Viswanath W/o Mr. N Viswanath Jetty,** No. 243/1, 1st floor, 11th Main, RBI Layout, JPNagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru-560078. **d. Mrs. Poornima Ravikumar W/o Mr. K Ravikumar,** No.505, 13th A Cross, 29th Main, J P Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560078. **Date of NPA on 01.05.2023**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.2,59,87,889.00 (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Nine lakhs Eighty Seven thousand Eight hundred and Eighty Nine) as on 02/05/2023 + Interest and Expenses thereon.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY DETAILS:
All that piece of land and building thereon situated at Site No. 39 & 40, Khata No.123/1, 11th Main Road, Nrupathunganagar, J P Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru - 560078 measuring East to West 50 ft and North to South 100 ft totallying to 5000 sq. ft. **bounded:** East by: Property No.38 and Property of Munikalappa, West by: Road from Puttenahalli to Kothanur, North by: 30 ft Road, South by: 30 ft Road.

If you fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deem necessary under any other Provisions of Law.

Date: 02/05/2023
Place: Bengaluru
Authorised Officer
Indian Bank

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Sl.No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
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	Due date Extension		
1	CE/MTPS-I/Mettur Dam	570	1
2	SE/P&A/TTPS	TTPS 3181-S	1

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e tenders, please visit website, **www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app** DIPR/2524/TENDER/2023

சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம். சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : KWA/HO/SP/01/2023-24

Supply and trial running of portable acoustic leak detectors (Non-Chinese make)wth equipment and all accessories including 3 years on-site warranty. EMD : Rs. 124200, Tender fee : Rs. 22066, Last Date for submitting Tender : 27-05-2023 03:00:pm, Phone : 8547638199
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

KWA-JB-GL-6-249-2023-24 **Chief Engineer (HRD&Gl.) Jalabhavan Thiruvananthapuram**

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No.: E-09(GT)/2023-24 **E-TENDER NOTICE** **Date: 09.05.2023**

Global E-Tenders are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following Items. The details of tenders are in the following sequence S.No. Tender No. (Due Date). Description and Quantity. Sl.No.: 1, 10223103, (08.06.2023), **Water Pump Repair Kit,** PL No. 16070124, 986 Nos., Sl.No.: 2, 10231103, (08.06.2023), **Pin Piston,** PL No. 16141441, 3150 Nos., Sl.No.: 3, 10231112, (20.06.2023), **Bearing Assembly,** PL No. 16080609, 827 Nos., Sl.No.: 4, 10222193, (23.05.2023), **Governor for 4500 HP,** Part No. 16340036, 12 Nos., Sl.No.: 5, 08222237C, (29.05.2023), **Strip Rubber,** PL No. 17270753, 2300.26 Metre, Sl.No.: 6, 08222238B, (29.05.2023), **Sim Rubber,** PL No. 17270261, 3083.81 Metre, Sl.No.: 7, 09221110A, (06.06.2023), **Pad Bonded Contact,** PL No. 29695028, 712 Nos., Sl.No.: 8, 10223509B, (06.06.2023), **Carrier Piston Pin,** PL No. 16141430, 2171 Nos., All other terms & conditions of the tender remain unchanged. The details of above tenders are available on **www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.ireps.gov.in. Corrigendum:1,** Bid No. E-03, 09231063, **Primary Voltage Transformer** PL No. 29695028, **Revision:** 1, **Details of Corrigendum:** The tender quantity has been revised and now the same will be opened on 15.05.2023 for quantity 228 Nos. instead of 475 Nos.

P.R./BLW/S-09 **PCMM**

/blwvaranasi "Website: www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in"

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, JEYPORE (R&B) CIRCLE, JEYPORE
e-mail ID-supenger_rbjyp@yahoo.co.in, Phone No - 06854 - 231528

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)

B-181 Bid Identification No. C.C.E.J.C (R&B) - 04/2023-24
No. 2390 Date. 06.05.2023

1. Nature of the work: BUILDING WORKS
2. Total No. of Works : 05(Five) Nos .
3. Estimated cost: Rs . 360.47 Lakhs to 371.93 Lakhs As per works
4. Period of completion: 11 (Eleven) Months as per sl no 04 of IFB
5. Cost of Bid Document: Rs. 10,000/- Each
6. Bid Security (EMD): As per Column No- 06 of IFB.
7. Class of Contractor: "A" Class as per cl. no. 05 of TCN & according to Financial Eligibility .
8. Date & time of availability of bid Document in the portal: From 10.00 hours of 15.05.2023 to 17.00 hours of 29.05.2023
9. Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the Portal : 17.00 hours of 29.05.2023
10. Opening date of Bid: 10.00 hours of 30.05 .2023
11. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid : Chief Construction Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancelation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore OIPR- 34108/11/0004/2324

LIC HFL
LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

15/1, Hayes Centre, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of L.I.C. Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), under Securitization & Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued Demand Notice to following Borrowers/Mortgagors calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrowers/Mortgagors having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken PHYSICAL POSSESSION of the following properties in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules.

Sl. No	Loan No./ Name of Borrower/Co–Borrower	Property Address and Flat Area/ UDS of land	Date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Amount in Rs.)	EMD (10%) of Reserve Price	Bank details (EMD to be transferred to)
1	Loan No. 411800002258 Mr. Sanjeev Singh Mrs. Anamika Singh	All that piece & parcel of the Flat bearing No.105, in first Floor, A-Block, BBMP Khatha No.262/105/08, apartment known as "KEMPS GREEN VIEW" measuring 846 Square Feet super built up area, with 305 Square Feet Undivided share, right, title and interest, containing Two Bedrooms, Dining Hall, Bathroom, Kitchen and Balcony, together with One covered Car Parking Space in the apartment in the Land bearing Site No. 1, 2 and 3, CMC Khatha No. 262, situated at Hoodi, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and the building is constructed with brick and cement walls, RCC Roofing, Honne Wood Doors and Windows, Mosaic Tiles flooring, with electricity, water and sanitary facility. EAST By: Property Belongs to H V Narayan Reddy, West By: Remaining portion of Survey No.63/1, North By: Block – B of Kemps City Developers, South By: Road.	09.10.2017	Rs.29,00,000	Rs.2,90,000	Account Number:- HFLESCBAKF02258 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : Axis Bank, Centralised Collection Hub
2	Loan No. 411900006510 Mrs. Prathyusha Mr. Harikrishna CH	All that piece & parcel of the residential Apartment/Flat bearing Unit No.003, containing Two bedrooms in the Ground floor of the apartment named "SRI VANDANA ORCHID", measuring 1275 Square Feet super built up area with one covered car parking space having undivided share of 301.70 Square feet in the land bearing present BBMP Katha No.2156/1/125/2A, 125/2B/142/1 & 153, situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarhalli Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, and bounded on: EAST By: Private Property, West By: Private Property, North By: 30 feet Road, South By: Private property and Road.	25.11.2016	Rs.55,00,000	Rs.5,50,000	Account Number:- HFLESCBABC06510 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : Axis Bank, Centralised Collection Hub
3.	Loan No. 411500005057 Mr. Salahuddin Sadique Mohammed Mrs. Sufia Saher	All that piece & parcel of the residential Property bearing Flat No.302, Third Floor, in Block-B, in the block name known as "KEVIN ASIRVATHAM" block in the multistoried residential building known as "MOUNIKA ESPANICA" measuring about 1390 Square Feet super built up area, having undivided share of 310 square feet with one covered car parking space in the land bearing converted Sy.No.65/2,now assigned New BBMP Katha No.40/1/Sy.No.65/2, situated at HORAMAVU AGARA VILLAGE, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and bounded on: EAST By: Sy.No.65/3, Horamavu Agara Village & Private Property; West By: Passage thereafter "MOUNIKA ESPANICA" Apartment block 'A' in the block name known as "LEPAKSHI" block, constructed on remaining portion of same Sy.No.65/2, measuring 13 Guntas, thereafter Sy.No.65/1 belongs to Mr.Yella Reddy; North By: Remaining portion of same Sy.No.65/2; and South By: Road formed in Sy.No.65/8;	07.12.2016	Rs.60,00,000	Rs.6,00,000	Account Number:- HFLESCBAWF05057 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : Axis Bank, Centralised Collection Hub
4.	Loan No. 410100008246 Mrs. Suma Venkatesh & Mr. Attuputthur Sadagopan Venkatesh	All that piece & parcel of immovable property Bearing Flat No-004, situated at Ground Floor, in the building known as AKSHAYA PRIDE with one Covered Car Parking area in stilt floor , with super built up area of 1174 square feet, having Undivided share of 242 Sft in the land bearing Sit no-5, Sy No.87/5,(Vide,B.D.S.A.L.N.:S.R(S)138/2005-06), situated at Kotanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore , bound on the:EAST By: Flat No.003, West By: M.V.Ramaswamy Raju's Property , North By: Flat No.005, South by: M.V.Ramaswamy Raju's Property,	11.01.2018	Rs.55,00,000	Rs.5,50,000	Account Number:- HFLESCBABN08246 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : Axis Bank, Centralised Collection Hub
5.	Loan No.411900014343 Mr. Sumathi Suratani	All that piece and parcel In A Residential Row House Bearing No. 5 in block "ZOE" of "ZEUS" with a super built up area of 5118 Square Feet along with all the common proportionate rights in the common amenities and facilities in proportion to undivided share conveyed hereunder and two car park bearing No. 5 in the basement with an undivided 2.62% share (Equivalent to 2400 Sq. Feet) in the land comprised and constructed on property bearing Municipal No. 9 (earlier comprised of Survey No. 59/1 measuring 23 Guntas and Survey No. 59/3 measuring 1 Acre 23 Guntas situated at Kudlu Village, SarjapurHobli, AnekalTaluk Ward No. 191, measuring in all about 91595.28 Sq feet and bounded as under:- East by:- Tank bed and Lake's boundary; West by:- Land belonging to Srinivas Reddy; North by:- Road; South by:- Tank bed and land belonging to Raghuram Reddy	26.11.2019	Rs.4,15,00,000	Rs.41,50,000	Account Number:- HFLESCBABC14343 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : Axis Bank, Centralised Collection Hub
6.	Loan No. 410500001113 Jayakumar Stalin Prabu	All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land bearing Sy No.20/15 (duly converted for non-agricultural residential purposes vide order dated 10.09.1992 bearing no.-issued by the office of Special Deputy Commissioner,Bangalore District, Bangalore), Re-Sy No. 152, BBMP NO.3618/20/15/152, Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently BBMP,Bangalore measuring 2 acres 8 guntas and bounded as follows: East : Private Property West : Road North : Road South : Remaining Portion of the same property SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: 751/94736th Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land which comes to 751 Sq. Feet of share in the land in Schedule `A' Property. : SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY: All that Two Bedroom Residential Apartment bearing No. J-2, First Floor, Viv Block in the project VIVARTA MAAGAN'. Built in Schedule A' Property and apartmnent measuring 1726 Sq.Ft of super built up area approximately inclusive of which 1403 Sq.Ft built-up area and 323 Sq.Ft proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases etc., and other areas of Common use with One Covered Car Parking Space and Apartment is bounded by: East Driveway, Swimming pool & Viva Block.. West Lobby & Flat No: I-2 & K-2. North Driveway & Flat No: Y-2 of Varta Block South Driveway & Portion of Viv Block	09.12.2013	Rs.53,00,000	Rs.5,30,000	Account Number:- HFLESCBAKE01113 IFSC Code:-UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : Axis Bank, Centralised Collection Hub
7.	Loan No. 412100002464 B L Rajalakshmi & Lakshmi Narayana V	Schedule A : All that piece & parcel of the PROPERTY bearing Site No. 1, formed in Property No. 17, situated at Varanasi alias Jinkethimmanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk now Bangalore East Taluk, comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West 36 Feet, North to South 33 Feet 06 Inches, in all measuring 1206 Sq Ft., and bounded thereon:- East by:- Road, West by:- Venkatagiriyappa Property, North by:- Site No. 2, South by:- Munikrishnappa Property. Schedule B All the 603 Sq. Ft of undivided share, right, title, and interest in the land i.e. in Schedule A property, residential house in 1st Floor, having a built up area of 1000 Sq. Ft, constructed with RCC Roofing, Granite Flooring, Teak/Honne wood doors and windows with electricity and civic amenities thereon including proportionate share in common area such as passage, lifts, lobbies, staircase, constructed on the schedule A property.	22.02.2022	Rs.32,00,000	Rs.3,20,000	Account Number:- HFLESCBAOR02464 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : Axis Bank, Centralised Collection Hub
8.	Loan No. 410200008336 Mannava Srinivas & Mannava Madhavi	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property bearing Site. No.19, converted Sy.No.15, BBMP Khatha No.90, situated at Kodigehalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, now Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the Administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, and measuring: East to West : on the northern side 47 feet and on the southern side 42 feet 6 inches North to South : on the eastern side 40 feet and on the western side 40 feet 1 inches in all total 1794.24 square feet., together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on: East by: 25 feet road, West by : Private property North by : Site.no.20 South by: Site no.18	18.04.2022	Rs.65,00,000	Rs.6,50,000	Account Number:- HFLESCBAIR08336 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : Axis Bank, Centralised Collection Hub

E-AUCTION Date	**09-JUNE-2023**
Last date of submission of e-Bid form	**08-JUNE-2023**

Further to this PUBLIC NOTICE for E-Auction Sale of the above said Assets / properties (in terms and conditions of the SARFAESI, Act 2002 and rules thereunder) LICHFL invites Online mode to purchase the said properties on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"**.

THE TERMS & CONDITIONS OF THE AUCTION SALE ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

1. E-Auction is being held on **'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is Basis', 'Whatever there is' And 'Without Any Recourse Basis'**, and will be conducted **"Online"**.
2. The intending bidders are advised to visit **https://online.lichousing.com/eauction/** for the details of the properties in the website and for taking part in the bid is there after redirected to the E-Auction service provider **"M/s. 4closure portal" - https://bankauctions.in/** and proceed further.
3. The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the EMD paid already, immediately on acceptance of offer by the Authorized officer in respect of the sale, failing which the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price is payable within 15 days from the date of confirmation of the sale solely at the discretion of the Authorized Officer. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited. The Authorized Officer shall not be required to give any further notice of forfeiture to the successful bidder.
4. Bidding increment fixed for 10,000/- increment per BID.
5. Bidders are bound by the principle of "caveat emptor" (Buyer Beware) and advised to conduct their own due diligence to find any encumbrances, statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, Income Tax, Excise Duty, Labour Dues, electricity and maintenance dues etc., of the firm or Secured Asset. The Successful bidders shall have to bear all outgoing i.e., municipal taxes, maintenance/society charges, electricity charges, water charges, stamp duty, registration charges, taxes, or any other duties ,if any and all other incidentals charges, cost including all outgoing relating to the respective properties other than the sale price.
6. The L.I.C Housing Finance Limited reserves the right to CANCEL / ACCEPT / REJECT / ALTER / MODIFY / POSTPONE the TENDER SALE / AUCTION without giving any reason whatsoever or prior Notice.

Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
L.I.C Housing Finance Ltd, Bangalore

IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE SR. DIV. 1
WEST TRIPURA : AGARTALA

Case No. Misc. (Inj) 37/2022
In T.S 52/2022

Sri Madan Sarkar & another Versus
...Plaintiff Petitioners
Versus
Sree Sree Meher Kalibari
Unnayan Committee & others
...Defendant O.Ps

NOTICE

To,
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2. **Sri Anirban Sarkar,** S/o. Late Kajal Sarkar, both residents of - Nutan Palli, Krishna Nagar, Agartala, P.S. - West Agartala, Dist - West Tripura. At present: G 202 Brigade Metro Police, Main Road, Bangalore - 560048.
...Proforma Defendants O.P No. 8 & 9

Take Notice that the above referred Case has been filed by the Plaintiff petitioners where in you have been made as party as proforma Defendant O.P No.8 & 9 and that the date has been fixed **on 29.05.2023** for your appearance. The matter will be heard as soon thereafter as the business of the court may permit, but no notice of such further date shall be given except the inclusion of the case in the daily cause list.

If no appearance is made on your behalf by yourself, your advocate or by someone else by law authorized by you in this to act for you in this case then the matter will be heard and decided ex-parte in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court this the 4th day of May 2023.

By order of the Court, Sr. Sheristedar, Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.) Court No. 1, West Tripura, Agartala.

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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
E-Tender Enq.No. 7412/P-2/EMP-12298 dt 08.05.23

Dy. Chief Engineer / Headquarter (Procurement Cell-2) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No.2023_POWER_101994_1 for Procurement of I/P (Current to Pressure) Converters for Pneumatic Drivers of stage II & III of GGSSTP, Roopnagar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **10.05.2023** onwards.

Note: Corrigendum & addendum, If any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

294/RTP-48/23-5/10/2023
76155/12/1632/2023/23672

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Devakumar B Kadalur Residing at No.22/3, 4th Cross, Kumarapark West Bangalore-560020 I have lost my Original Registered GPA dated on 07.11.1992 bearing Doc.No.294/1992-93 for Property bearing Khaneshumari No.460/355 and 461/353, situated at Kottigepalya Village, Hamlet of Srigandadakavalu Village, Now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. While taking photocopy in Xerox Shop

If Any person/Institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims along-with Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

Deepa A.M, Advocate, KAR/474/2012
No.6, 80 feet Road, Chandra Layout, Bangalore 560040
Bangalore
Dated:09.05.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client Mr. Kumar intends to Purchase Property bearing No. 425, situated at the Layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority, at Koramangala 8th Block, presently comes under the jurisdiction of the BBMP, Ward No. 147, Bangalore, having PID No. 67-6-425, measuring East to West 9.15 mtrs or 30 feet and North to South 6.10 mtrs or 20 ft totally measuring 600 Sq.ft., and bounded on the: East by`: Road; West by: Property No. 402; North by : Property No. 426; South by: Property No. 424, from its owner Smt. Sabeena W/o. A. Sadiq. Persons having any right/interest /Claim over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 7 days from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

KSR Associates
ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS
OFFICE# 53/1, 1th Floor, Guttahalli Main Road, D.T. Street, 8th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore – 560 003, Email: raviksadvocate@gmail.com, Mobile: 99450 00789

NOTICE

District : 24 - Parganas (N)
In the Court of Learned Fast Track 2nd Court at Barasat
Mat Suit No. 2170/2021
(New No. Mat 231/2021)

DHARMENDRA BANTHIA
son of Kanak Mall Banthia. residing at 637 Dakshindhari Road, Brijdham Complex, Building No.-16C, 5th Floor, Sreebhumi P.S.- Lake Town, Kolkata- 700 048.
.....Petitioner/Husband
-Versus-
MEGHA BANTHIA(DUGAR)
Wife of Dharmendra Banthia, daughter of Prashan Kumar Dugar residing at 38B, Broad Street, Kolkata-700 019 Presently residing at C/O Jitendra Kumar Sharma Sewako ka baas, Behind Sacchiyay Mata Mandir, Osiyan, District Jodhpur Rajasthan-340303. And also at 1214, Ground floor, 44 Cross Road Near ICICI Bank, Bengaluru (Karnataka) Bengaluru-560078. And also C/O Prashan Kumar Dugar, Dugaro ka Chowk, Ward No-03, Bidasar, VTC Bidas P.O.-Bidasar, Sub District Sujangarh, District Churu State Rajasthan, Pin Code 331501.
.......Respondent/Wife

WHEREAS the above named petitioner have filed an application against the respondent herein under Section 136(1)(i)(ia)(ib) of the Hindu Marriage Act 1955 before the aforesaid Court for a decree of Divorce on the grounds of cruelty and desertion, As such the summons are hereby given to the respondent, but the respondent did not appear before the Ld. Court. NOW the respondent therefore take notice through this Publication to appear before this Hon'ble Court within 30 (thirty) days from the date of Publication in person or through your counsel, otherwise it will be heard exparte against you.

By Order/- Serestadar
Ld. Fast Track 2nd Court District Judges' Court Barasat, North 24 Parganas Kolkata - 700124

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform, the general public that my client/s intend to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule below from 1] **Smt. R Seethamma,** D/o. Late Sri. Rangasubba, R/at: # 346, 41st Cross, 8th Block, Near Sangam Circle, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560 070, 2] **Smt. Usha,** D/o. Sri. N Venkateshaiah, R/at: Flat No. 11, Riya Apartment, Ramaiah Gardens, 24th Main Road, J P Nagar 7th Phase,Bangalore 560 078. 3] **Smt. Mukunda V Prema,** D/o. Sri. N Venkateshaiah, R/at: # 346, 41st Cross, 8th Block, Near Sangam Circle, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560 070 and 4] **Smt. Malathi Raghu,** D/o. Sri. N Venkateshaiah, R/at: 346, 41st Cross, 8th Block, Near Sangam Circle, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560 070, with the Financial Assistance from Bank of India, Bangalore Main Branch, Bangalore.

Anyone having any objections for the said sale transaction/s can lodge his/her objections with the documentary proof in support of their claim to the Schedule property within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, with the undersigned. If no objections received, my client/s would proceed with the transaction/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Northern portion of the property bearing Old No. 191, New No. 191/1, PID No. 46-5-191-1, [earlier 173, later 189 and again 191], situated at 3rd Main Road, Chamarajapet, Ward No. 140, Chamarajapete (old ward No. 46), Bangalore, measuring East to West: 30.0 Feet and North to South: 54.0 Feet in all measuring 1620 Sq Feet and bounded on:

East by: Property belonging to Sri. Giriyappa, **West by:** Property belonging to Legal Heirs of Sri. Honnappa Bagawathar, **North by:** Conservancy Lane and **South by:** Common Passage and there after Road and Property bearing no. 191

Smt. KANCHANA U, Advocate, # 43, 1st Floor, P.H.Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore-560 002, [M] 8660254979

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1. Special E-Auction programme for the month of May & June -2023.
2. E-Auction programme for the month of July & August -2023.
PUB/0486

Special E-auction programme for Divisions/Depots.

E-AUCTION DATE:- 31.05.2023, **DIVISIONS/DEPOTS:-** VIJAYAWADA, HYDERABAD, GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR, SECUNDERABAD, NANDED, LALLAGUDA, RAYANAPADU, TIRUPATI

E-AUCTION DATE:- 15.06.2023, **DIVISIONS/DEPOTS:-** VIJAYAWADA, HYDERABAD, GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR, NANDED, SECUNDERABAD, LALLAGUDA, RAYANAPADU, TIRUPATI

E-AUCTION DATE:- 30.06.2023, **DIVISIONS/DEPOTS:-** VIJAYAWADA, HYDERABAD, GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR, NANDED, SECUNDERABAD, LALLAGUDA, RAYANAPADU, TIRUPATI

E-Auction programme for the month of July & August-2023

JULY e-Auction -2023

DATE	DIVISIONS/DEPOTS
03.07.23	TIRUPATI
04.07.23	VIJAYAWADA
05.07.23	HYDERABAD
06.07.23	GUNTAKAL
07.07.23	GUNTUR
10.07.23	NANDED
11.07.23	SECUNDERABAD
12.07.23	LALLAGUDA
13.07.23	RAYANAPADU
14.07.23	TIRUPATI
17.07.23	VIJAYAWADA, YDERABAD, GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR, NANDED,SECUNDERABAD, LALLAGUDA,RAYANAPADU, TIRUPATI
18.07.23	VIJAYAWADA
19.07.23	HYDERABAD
20.07.23	GUNTAKAL
21.07.23	GUNTUR
24.07.23	NANDED
25.07.23	SECUNDERABAD
26.07.23	LALLAGUDA
27.07.23	RAYANAPADU
28.07.23	TIRUPATI
31.07.23	VIJAYAWADA, HYDERABAD, GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR, NANDED, SECUNDERABAD, LALLAGUDA, RAYANAPADU, TIRUPATI

AUGUST e- Auction 2023

DATE	DIVISIONS/DEPOTS
01.08.23	NANDED
02.08.23	GUNTAKAL
03.08.23	GUNTUR
04.08.23	HYDERABAD
07.08.23	SECUNDERABAD
08.08.23	LALLAGUDA
09.08.23	RAYANAPADU
10.08.23	TIRUPATI
11.08.23	HYDERABAD
14.08.23	VIJAYAWADA
16.08.23	VIJAYAWADA HYDERABAD, GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR, NANDED, SECUNDERABAD, LALLAGUDA,RAYANAPADU TIRUPATI
17.08.23	GUNTAKAL
18.08.23	GUNTUR
21.08.23	NANDED
22.08.23	SECUNDERABAD
23.08.23	LALLAGUDA
24.08.23	RAYANAPADU
25.08.23	TIRUPATI
28.08.23	VIJAYAWADA
29.08.23	HYDERABAD
30.08.23	HYDERABAD, GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR, NANDED, SECUNDERABAD, LALLAGUDA, RAYANAPADU, TIRUPATI

Principal Chief Materials Manager/ Secunderabad
A0684

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at http://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 29,30,32/2023-24/SE/PHC/MVPA

Jal Jeevan Mission 1 .CWSS to Idukki- -supply and laying CWPM and storage reservoir cum pump house in Kamakshi panchayath-General Civil Work,2.Supply and laying CWPM and GM With storage reservoir in Vathikudy Panchayath.3.WSS - to Santhanpara, Rajakumary (Part) and Senapathy-Package IV- Clear Water Pumping Main, Sump cum pump house, GLSR in Santhanpara GP EMD : Rs. Rs.5,00,000/- each, Tender fee : Rs. 16,540/- each, Last Date for submitting Tender : 30-05-2023 04:00:pm, Phone : 04852835637

Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

KWA-JB-GL-6-236-2023-24 **Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Muvattupuzha**

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 23-26/2023-24/PHC/KNR

JJM- Kurumathur Panchayath- Balance work, AMRUT- Kannur Corporation-Municipal Area Part II, Pallikkunnu zone, Thalassery Municipality - M zone-Pipeline extension, replacement-laying distribution&providing FHTCs. EMD : Rs. 200000/-Each, Tender fee : Rs. 13010/-Each, Last Date for submitting Tender : 02-06-2023 03:00:pm, Phone : 04972705902

Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

KWA-JB-GL-6-245-2023-24 **Superintending Engineer PH Circle Kannur**

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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ನಂ.108/109, 4ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, [illegible] ALN(EVH)SR/115/14-15 [illegible] 27.09.2014 [illegible] ನಂ.7, [illegible] ನಂ.2939 [illegible] 321 ಅಡಿ, ಪಶ್ಚಿಮದ ಕಡೆ 30 ಅಡಿ, ಉತ್ತರದ ಕಡೆ 50.4 ಅಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ದಕ್ಷಿಣದ ಕಡೆ 50 ಅಡಿಗಳು [illegible] 1552 [illegible] MDP-1-00147-2017-18 [illegible] 05.04.2017 [illegible] 21.02.2023 [illegible] 21.02.2023 [illegible]

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Tender No : Re-33/2023-24/SE/PHC/MVPA

Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)-JJM-CWSS to Idukki- Kanjikuzhi, Vazhathope, Mariyapuram,Kamakshi, Vathikudy and Vannapuram (Part) Panchayaths in Idukki District-Supply and laying CWPM and GM and Storage reservoir cum pump house in Mariyapuram Panjayth-General CivilWork EMD : Rs. 500000, Tender fee : Rs. 16,540, Last Date for submitting Tender : 26-05-2023 04:00:pm, Phone : 04852835637

Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

KWA-JB-GL-6-246-2023-24 **Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Muvattupuzha**

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)
(LOCAL COMPETETIVE BIDDING)
(RFx No. 6000001082)

SRM E-Tender No. T-2305/MSETCL/CO/Projects/Pre-tender

MSETCL invites offers by SRM E-Tendering in two-bid system **(Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid)** from the eligible registered bidders for the turnkey works contract for construction of the following SS under Vashi Zone.

Sr. No.	Name of Substation	Estimated Cost in Rs. Lakh
1	Turnkey Work Contract for Establishment of 220kV Panchanand GIS (Taloja) S/stn. Dist., Raigad under Vashi Zone MSETCL, Maharashtra.	2,442.81 (Exclusive of GST)

Interested bidders may obtain further information available on website **www.mahatransco.in** or **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in/**

Any further amendments will be published on the above referred website only, so bidders are requested to check the website.

The Bid Documents are available on website from 09.05.2023 @ 18:00 Hrs to 09.06.2023 @ 12:00 Hrs for downloading.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Projects)
MSETCL

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Madurai Division
E Tender Notice No. MDU-W-08-2023 Dt. 03.05.2023

For and on behalf of the President of India, The Divisional Railway Manager / Works / Southern Railway / Madurai, invites ONLINE Tenders for the following works.

Tender closing date for Item No.1 to 09 on 24.05.2023 at.14.00 hrs.

Item No.	Name of Work:	Approx. value (₹) in Lakhs	EMD ₹	Period of Completion
1	(SW I):-Dindigul-Madurai (DN line): Complete Track Renewal (Primary) by using PQRS/SQRS train between Km.483.000 to 490.300 for a length of 7.300 Kms in between stations Samayanallur and Kudal Nagar in Senior section Engineer / Permanent way / MG / Madurai section. (SW II): Dindigul-Madurai (DN line): Proposed Through Rail Renewal (Primary) at isolated locations between Km.465.374 to 492.292 for a length of 4.516 Kms. in between stations Kodaikkanal Road and Madurai in Senior section Engineer / Permanent way / MG/Madurai section. (SW III): Dindigul-Madurai (DN line): Complete Track Renewal (Primary) for a length of 11.400 Kms by usisng PQRS/SQRS train / manual between Km:443.600 to 455.000 in between stations Ambaturai and Kodaikkanal Road in Senior section Engineer /Permanent way / Dindigul section. (SW IV): Madurai-Bodinayakkanur section: Proposed through Rail Renewal (Primary) from Km:14.106 to 37.281 for a length of 23.175 Kms in between stations Madurai and Andipatti in Senior section Engineer / Permanent way/Andipatti section. (SW V): Dindigul-Madurai (UP line) section: Complete Track Renewal (Primary) by manual at isolated locations between Km.491.723 to 494.177 for a length of 1.947 Kms in between stations Kudal Nagar and Madurai in SSE/Pway/BG/MDU section. (SW VI): Dindigul-Madurai (UP Line) section: Proposed Through Rail Renewal (Primary) between Km.493.371 to 493.735 for a length of 0.364 Km in between stations Kudal Nagar and Madurai in SSE/Pway/BG/MDU section.	655.16	4,77,600/-	12 Months
2	Madurai Division - Improvements to station building at Pamban & Construction of separate booking office at Oddanchatram stations.	25.50	51,000/-	6 Months
3	Palani (NSG.3) station: Improvements to carriage watering arrangements.	40.95	81,900/	6 Months
4	Sr.Divisional Engineer / Central / Madurai Jurisdiction -Removal of Garbage / rag picking / muck / plastic and paper wastes and clearing of track at Madurai, Tiruppuvanam, Samayanallur, Kodaikkanal Road, Tiruppachetti, Manamadurai, Aruppukkotai, Teni, Bodinayakkanur and Sholavandhan stations in Assistant Divisional Engineer / Central jurisdiction for a period of One year.	13.90	27,800/-	12 Months
5	Sr.DEN/South/MDU Jurisdiction: Replacement of old AC sheets with Galvalume sheets at Vanchi Maniyachchi, Cheran Mahadevi, Seydunganallur, Srivaikuntam, Nazareth & Tiruchendur stations in Tirunelveli sub-division.	34.92	69,900/-	4 Months
6	Madurai Division - Construction of RPF Women Barrack at MDU (20 beded)	133.86	2,16,900/-	12 Months
7	Modification of available Water Recycling Plant (400 KLD) into Sewage treatment plant (400 KLD) at Madurai (MDU)	44.30	88,600/-	9 Months
8	Madurai Jn. Essential urgent repairs to staff quarters and service buildings for a period of two years.	97.52	1,95,000/-	24 Months
9	Zonal Contract for execution of works and supply of materials for maintenance and repairs to Bridges in ADEN/Tirunelveli sub division for a period from 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023	12.49	25,000/-	6 Months

Further details are available in detail on website **httpe:www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderers(s) / Contractor(s) to apply for e-tender for works in Madurai Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website, the same shall be taken into account while submitting tender.

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CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

E-TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE

LOAN AGREEMENT NO.ID-P267
JICA FUNDED PROJECT
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

E-Tenders have been invited in CMWSS Board for the following works. The due date for submission of the tender has been extended as indicated below.

Sl. No.	Contract No. and Name of work	Original Pre bid meeting Date	Original e-Bid Submission closing Date	Original e-Bid Opening Date	Postponed Pre bid meeting Date	Extended e-Bid Submission closing Date	Extended e-Bid Opening Date
1.	Supply, Erection & Commissioning of Product Water Transmission Mains for the 400 MLD Desalination Plant at Perur on East Coast Road, south of Chennai and uptoPorur Head Works and all allied works including O&M for 20 years- Package No.CP3-A From Ch:0 to Ch:27100 with 5 Km of Ductile Iron K9 Branch line CNT/WSS/ICB/JICA/DESAL/GOI/020 /2023-24	12.05.2023 at 11:30 A.M IST	12.06.2023 upto 3.00 P.M. IST	13.06.2023 after 3.30 P.M. IST onwards	26.05.2023 at 11:30 A.M IST	03.07.2023 upto 3.00 P.M. IST	04.07.2023 after 3.30 P.M. IST onwards
2.	Supply, Erection & Commissioning of Product Water Transmission Mains for the 400 MLD Desalination Plant at Perur on East Coast Road, south of Chennai and upto Porur Head Works and all allied works including O&M for 20 years- Package No.CP3-B From Ch:27100 to Ch:54000. CNT/WSS/ICB/JICA/DESAL/GOI/021 /2023-24	12.05.2023 at 11:30 A.M IST	12.06.2023 upto 3.00 P.M. IST	13.06.2023 after 3.30 P.M. IST onwards	26.05.2023 at 11:30 A.M IST	03.07.2023 upto 3.00 P.M. IST	04.07.2023 after 3.30 P.M. IST onwards
3.	Availability of Bid documents and e-bid submission is permitted through tender portal / website: **www.tntenders.gov.in** For all other details refer Bid documents in the website from 18.05.2023 for Sl.No.(1) & (2)						

All the other terms and conditions already published remain unaltered.
DIPR/2537/Tender/2023
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, (Contracts & Monitoring)

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Government of Tamil Nadu
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
TAMIL NADU e-GOVERNANCE AGENCY (TNeGA)

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online tenders are invited by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA), towards Selection of the System integrator for the Development and Maintenance of the Tamil Nadu State Schemes Portal through Data Platform.

The tender document (RFP) can be downloaded at free of cost from **https://tntenders.gov.in/** and **https://tnega.tn.gov.in** from **11.05.2023, 13:00 hrs.**

Pre-bid meeting is scheduled online on **17.05.2023** at **11:30 hrs. through video conference (VC)** by TNeGA and the link for the VC can be referred in the RFP.

EMD for an amount of **Rs.3,50,000/-** has to be paid through online mode. Last date and time for online submission of bids through **https://tntenders.gov.in/** (e-Tender) is **29.05.2023** till **16:00 hrs.** Technical Bid shall be opened online on **29.05.2023** at **16:30 hrs.** Bidders are advised to participate in the pre-bid meeting scheduled by TNeGA.

DIPR/2539/Tender/2023
Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE

"e" Procurement Notice for Road Work

E_Mail ID : serw_balasore@yahoo.in, Ph-No-06782/260318, Balia, Balasore

Identification No.- Online Tender- Bridge N.C.B. No.4 for 2023-24.
Letter No. 2017 ___ // Date. _08.05.23__________//

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1. Name of the work :- Bridge Work under PMGSY-III,Batch-I (2022-23)
2. Total No. of work :- 04 Nos.
3. Estimated Cost :- Rs. 246.44 lakhs to Rs.714.69 lakhs(Approximately)
4. Eligible Class of Contractor :- 'B', 'A' & "Special" Class (of Odisha P.W.D.) or relevant Class of other licensing authorities (as per annexure).
5. Period of Completion :- As per Annexure.
6. Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E.R.W. Circle, Balasore	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
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Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore	N.C.B. No. 04 of 2023-24	Dt.15.05.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt. 05.06.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.03.06.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.06.06.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later.

Further details can be seen from the website: **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**

Sd/-
OIPR-25105/11/0005/2324 **Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Balasore.**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
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TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT M.G.R. FILM AND TELEVISION INSTITUTE

(Affiliated to The Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University)
C.I.T. CAMPUS, THARAMANI, CHENNAI - 600113.

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION- 2023-2024
FOR BACHELOR OF VISUAL ARTS DEGREE COURSE

Applications are invited for the First Year Admission to the following 4 years duration Degree Courses.

1 Bachelor of Visual Arts (Cinematography)
2 Bachelor of Visual Arts (Digital Intermediate)
3 Bachelor of Visual Arts (Audiography)
4 Bachelor of Visual Arts (Direction and Screenplay Writing)
5 Bachelor of Visual Arts (Film Editing)
6 Bachelor of Visual Arts (Animation and Visual Effects)

(Separate application should be submitted for each Course)

For Sl.No.1 and 2 Degree Courses - Minimum Qualification is a Pass in Higher Secondary (10+2) examination with Physics and Chemistry / Vocational Courses with Photography as a special subject / Any equivalent qualification with other specification stated above / Diploma in Electrical and Electronics Engineering / Diploma in Electronics and Communication Engineering and for Sl.No. 3 Degree Course - Minimum Qualification is a Pass in Higher Secondary (10+2) examination with Physics and Chemistry / Vocational Courses with Radio & TV or domestic electronic equipment as a special subject / Any equivalent qualification with other specification stated above / Diploma in Electrical and Electronics Engineering / Diploma in Electronics and Communication Engineering and for Sl. No. 4 to 6 Degree Courses - Minimum Qualification is a Pass in Higher Secondary (10+2) examination in any group. For other details, Please refer to Prospectus available with the Application Form.

Application Form and Prospectus must be downloaded only from **www.tn.gov.in** website and must be submitted along with the Demand Draft drawn from any bank payable at Chennai in favour of The Principal, Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute, Chennai-600 113 as mentioned below.

For SC/ST Candidates - Rs. 60/- (Xerox copy of Community Certificate should be attached) (Applicable to the candidates from Tamil Nadu)

For Other Candidates - Rs.200/-

The filled in applications along with all necessary documents must be sent only through Post to the below mentioned address.

The Principal (FAC),
Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute,
C.I.T.Campus Taramani, Chennai - 600 113.

Demand Draft obtained before 11-05-2023 will not be accepted.
Date of commencement of sale of Application is 11-05-2023.
Last date for the downloading the Application is 31-05-2023.
Last date for the submission of Filled up Application is 02-06-2023 before 5.00 P.M.

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In case we are unable to complete the auction at the branch on the notified date, the same will be conducted through e-Procurement Technologies Limited (AuctionTiger) on their online e- auction platform https://egold.auctiontiger.net and Shriram Automall India Limited (SAMIL) on their online e- auction platform https://gold.samil.in on 22-05-2023 between 12.30 PM to 3.30 PM. Please note if the e- auction does not completed on 22-05-2023 the same will be re-auctioned on subsequent working days on the same terms and conditions.

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Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people — Harry Emerson Fosdick

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EC MUST PRESERVE SANCTITY OF SILENCE PERIOD BEFORE POLL

Even as the poll trumpets fell silent 48 hours ahead of voting day, in keeping with the Election Commission's model code of conduct rules, the tom-tom drums of social media kept up the campaign din in Karnataka. Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an eight-minute video appeal on Twitter to voters to favour the lotus and 'double-engine sarkara', unmindful of the 'Silence Period' imposed by the EC on all political parties. The Congress quickly filed a complaint with the Election Commission, alleging a code violation. It also put up its video by AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge in a last-gasp appeal. Faced with a battery of complaints from all parties, the EC trod strictly by the book, saying that Section 126 of The Representation of the People Act, 1951, which deals with code violations, does not cover social media's use during this period. Appeals made on social media fall outside the polling area and do not come under the ambit of the existing law. The Congress has contested it, saying an amendment was proposed in 2019 to include "dissemination" of any message, but it remains a grey area.

This highlights that our laws are ambiguous vis-à-vis the swiftly changing media available to political parties to canvass their cause. They are free to harness the wide coverage of the medium to reach voters, which violates the true spirit of the Silence Period—a 48-hour cool-off time given to voters to think through the promises of each candidate and cast their ballot. The EC has accepted that the challenges thrown up by digital and electronic media are many and will require a relook at Section 126. The nature of social media is such that regulation is a challenge—it is an unfettered medium which is active 24/7 and encourages interaction, often descending into unparliamentary exchanges, reflecting the worst of human nature.

In such a scenario, the government attempts to rein in digital media platforms like Twitter, YouTube, Facebook and WhatsApp by drawing up regulations to prevent misuse and identify mischief makers. The Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, will ensure increased scrutiny and compliance, besides punitive action. While this may be the need of the hour, fair implementation of such regulations is required but should not infringe on the freedom of expression or target certain sections of society and rival political parties.

VANDE BHARAT IS A START, TRACK UPGRADE NEEDED

Kerala's first and only Vande Bharat semi-high-speed train has been operating for two weeks. While Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the premium train service with huge hype and fanfare, as expected, railways minister Ashwini Vaishnaw promised the upgradation of the existing tracks in the state in two phases. The ministry sanctioned ₹381 crore to upgrade the entire track from Kasaragod to Thiruvananthapuram to handle a speed of 110 kmph in the first phase. And Phase 2 of the project involves straightening the curves, and other necessary adjustments. This will increase the speed potential of the track to 130 kmph. Currently, the Vande Bharat operating in Kerala is one of the slowest in the country, thanks to the innumerable curves along the line.

The train, though seen as a political message by some, has been welcomed with open arms by commuters, if the advanced booking is anything to go by. The business community, too, has welcomed the train as it reduces the travel time between Thiruvananthapuram in the south to Kasaragod in the north by three hours. But the Vande Bharat Express has made the railway division's task of maintaining the schedule of all other services tougher. The number of level crossings, curves along the track, and ongoing track upgradation works are posing major challenges. There have been complaints that the Vande Bharat train was behind schedule on some days last week. There were also complaints that other trains were being stalled for longer durations to allow Vande Bharat to pass.

Initial glitches occur in any project, and one can expect that the issues involving Vande Bharat and other trains will get sorted out very soon. But what is of utmost importance is the upgradation of the railway lines as promised by the ministry. Only then can Vande Bharat trains achieve the targeted speed. More Vande Bharat trains with destinations in Karnataka—Ernakulam-Mangaluru and Ernakulam-Bengaluru—may be announced soon. The railways are also expected to ignore the demands from political leaders for more stops en route as it will eventually defeat the very purpose of semi-high-speed trains like Vande Bharat. If the railways ministry can ensure that the upgradation work happens as per schedule, the launch of the Vande Bharat train would hit a new milestone in Kerala's rail history.

QUICK TAKE

FRISKING ETIQUETTE

This year's NEET, as in previous years, throws up complaints about intrusive and improper frisking, especially of girls. Female examinees were reportedly asked to wear their clothes inside out or swap them with their mothers' or even get their innerwear inspected. NEET stakes are pretty high, and the National Testing Agency is determined to prevent cheating—but without crossing limits. The dress code is designed to avoid cavities in clothes and footwear to hide chits. But banning "fashionable clothes" or printed clothes makes little sense. Also, if modern frisking devices are good enough for airports, the agency better use them too.

India's ties with Pakistan are at a new abyss when the 'land of pure' has transformed into an unadulterated mess

BILAWAL FIASCO AND A NEW POLICY ON PAKISTAN

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As Pakistan appears to descend into chaos after the arrest of the former prime minister and leader of the Tehreek-e-Insaaf party, Imran Khan, and we have yet to recover from the shenanigans in Goa of Bilawal Bhutto Zardari (BBZ), the foreign minister, it is not just nostalgia that makes you look back at sobering times. There are lessons to be learnt from the past.

In May 1997, when the two newly elected prime ministers of India and Pakistan, Inder Kumar Gujral and Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, met on the fringes of the SAARC summit at Malé, the world was watching. Both leaders knew and understood that there was no quick fix to bilateral relations, no magic mantra, but that they must, in some fashion, address public expectations from their meeting. Sharif, true to his pragmatic style, broke the ice. In chaste Punjabi, he told the Indian prime minister, "I know you can never give me Kashmir; I also know I cannot take it by force. But let us keep talking." In turn, Gujral responded, echoing the poet Ali Sardar Jafri, "Guftgu band na ho, baat se baat chale (let us continue this conversation; let this dialogue never end)."

Contrast this with the recent performance of BBZ during and after the meeting of the council of foreign ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Goa. Through his interventions, press briefings and select interviews, he virtually closed the door on the resumption of bilateral dialogue, and—in response—Dr S Jaishankar, the Indian External Affairs Minister, locked it and threw the keys away.

India's diplomatic relations with Pakistan have reached a new abyss at a time when the so-called 'land of the pure' has transformed into an unadulterated mess. In the process, three contemporary myths about Pakistan and its leadership were busted.

First, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari was an idealistic, urbane leader, inheritor of the legacy of the Bhuttos and out to carve out a niche for himself, and articulate a more 'enlightened' approach towards India. The reality is BBZ is more Zardari than Bhutto and is a creature of the more orthodox and narrow-minded sections of the establishment.

For all his failings, BBZ's *Nana*, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto (ZAB), exercised a razor-sharp intellect. ZAB's charm was legendary, witnessed not just at Shimla in his summit meeting with Indira Gandhi. But even at his dramatic worst, as foreign minister, in his dialogue with Sardar Swaran Singh (who maintained a beatific smile even when grievously provoked), ZAB was thoughtful and forward-looking. Benazir Bhutto (until the Pakistan Army cut her wings) reached out to Rajiv Gandhi on Siachen and other issues and treated his emissaries—including but not only Ambassador Ronen Sen—with warmth and gracious hospitality.

In contrast, young Bilawal appeared impetuous, immature, and almost an upstart wanting to grandstand rather than have a serious conversation. His behaviour does not even meet the standards of an inebriated post-dinner squabble at Christ Church Oxford's junior common room—the alma mater of BBZ—leave alone the polemics of an Oxford Union debate. BBZ was interested in only addressing a domestic constituency and had little agency or political gravitas to move beyond the script.

The second myth was that the Pakistan Army had bought into normalising relations with India. Based on the widespread 'leaks' which suggested that the secret talks the Indian NSA, Ajit Kumar Doval, and his confidante, the R&AW chief, Samant Goel, had with erstwhile Army chief Qamar Javed Bajwa and the ISI head, Faiz Hameed, had yielded concrete results. This included a ceasefire at the LOC that has been sustained since 2021, and the possibility of Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting Pakistan later that year. With the departure of Bajwa, and the lack of 'control and confidence' of the current chief, Syed Asim Munir Ahmed Shah, this change in perception within the leadership of the forces seems to have been 'erased', at least for now. The Army is potentially dealing with a civil war within its frontiers and dissension within its ranks.

Finally, the belief that Pakistan's collapsing economy, its grave internal political strife marked by the groundswell in favour of Imran Khan, the robust revival of the TTP and the alienation of the Kabul regime would induce a greater sense of rationality in Islamabad, vis-à-vis India, has proven wrong.

A large section in Pakistan still believes that enmity with India is the only cement for national consolidation and that the Kashmir cause is worth fighting for until, sadly, the last Kashmiri.

Ironically, it has also been clear, for some years now, that India's MEA has been unable to comprehend the complexities of a changing Pakistan. India will realise too late, my friend, the scientist, Pervez Hoodbhoy, had warned two decades ago that it now has a "nuclear Somalia" as its neighbour. Robust if differentiated, focused but flexible multi-track responses must now define India's policy towards Pakistan's fragile and fragmented political and social structure.

India's policy has not succeeded because, while remaining a prisoner of past dogmas, it has been unable to respond to Pakistan's multiple political and social forces that need to be first understood and then addressed. There is a process of deep churning within Pakistan's multiple "societies", which translates into schizophrenic responses on key identity issues.

As we know, the strategic community in India has traditionally been overwhelmingly supporting a policy of aggressively countering Pakistan. These are the *Subedars*. Only a minority, the *Saudagars*, have wanted to ignore and benignly neglect Islamabad or integrate it economically. A microscopic few, however, want New Delhi to be proactive in promoting peace, even to the extent of making unilateral concessions. These are the *Sufis*. But these strands cannot afford to remain in opposition to one another today. What is needed is for the *Subedars*, the *Saudagars* and the *Sufis* to come together and shape a new Pakistan policy.

India must build strong defensive and offensive capabilities to deter "asymmetric" attacks by non-state actors within Pakistan that the Pakistani establishment backs. At the end of the day, nuclear weapons will only deter nuclear weapons and, at best, a full-scale conventional war. Pakistan needs to feel—in letter and spirit—the costs of exporting terrorism. India must also weaken, delegitimise and isolate those who are enemies of an India-friendly Pakistan and, by implication, of a stable subcontinent.

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RETURN OF THE LOCAL NARRATIVE IN ELECTORAL DYNAMICS

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One phrase that overwhelmed the analytical matrix of the 2023 Karnataka Assembly election happens to be 'the politics south of the Vindhyas'—a metaphor signifying a mood for change. However, while the analytical claims for the change seem plausible, the underlying reason for the same does not. Hence, it is pertinent to contextualise the political dynamics of Karnataka in its proper perspective to draw the right inference, the electoral outcome notwithstanding.

First, let's consider the prevailing institutional, organisational and leadership factors in the state. The Congress had a head start because of the anti-incumbency against the BJP government. Two, the Congress has a powerful regional anchor, Siddaramaiah, who has been employing his persona to translate the anti-incumbency sentiment into a vote against the BJP. Three, the state BJP is divided into three incommensurable factions, each working at cross-purposes until recently. Lastly, the incumbent chief minister, Basavaraj Bommai, doesn't have the charisma of his predecessor B S Yediyurappa. Hence, the saffron party has pinned its hopes on the Modi factor, which is visible in the blitzkrieg campaign by the prime minister.

Nevertheless, Karnataka is an outlier and almost a misfit vis-à-vis the loaded meaning of the phrase, 'the politics south of the Vindhyas'. Unlike the other southern states, Karnataka neither had intense language-based politics nor a history of film stars calling the shots in the political arena, as has been the case in Tamil Nadu and undivided Andhra Pradesh.

In fact, the state has provided top leaders to both the Congress and the BJP. Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge hails from Karnataka, and the role of state Congress president D K Shivakumar as a managerial person has been significant in the Congress' national affairs since Ahmed Patel's days. Similarly, in the BJP, one of the most active and assertive national general secretaries (organisation) hitherto, B L Santhosh, and the national president of the BJP Yuva Morcha and MP from the Bengaluru South Lok Sabha constituency, Tejasvi Surya, who is constantly in the national news, hail from Karnataka. Augmenting the state's centrality in the pan-Indian organisational strength of the Hindutva discourse is the presence of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) general secretary, Dattatreya Hosabale, who also hails from Karnataka.

Collectively, this matrix of leadership in the pan-Indian role in both national parties and the state's history easily circumvents the cliched regional political fault line employed as 'south of the Vindhyas'. In fact, it can reasonably be inferred that barring few specificities, Karnataka defies the logic of incommensurable regional distinctiveness, which in turn, places the state more in sync across the Vindhyas rather than the other way around.

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Commonsensically, this positive interplay of Karnataka and the national political dynamics should have worked in favour of the BJP. Yet, the ground narrative suggests an edge to the Congress. Understanding this discrepancy requires a slight conceptual shift in the nature of the electoral narratives and their resonance with the people. While the BJP attempted to synchronise the local and national narratives, as was the case with allocating a 4% reservation earmarked for the Muslims to the Vokkaligas and Lingayats, and its promise of implementing the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) along with the discourse of Hindutva, the Congress effectively customised its strategy to give leverage to the local issues around governance deficit and corruption.

Barring the last leg of the campaign led by Prime Minister Modi, the Congress managed to set the agenda around local issues like the Amul-Nandini controversy, 40% commission government, anti-Hindi narrative, among others, which BJP kept on responding to.

Hence, except in the coastal region which accounts for 19 Assembly seats, the caste identity overwhelmingly dominated the religious identity in other areas. Further, the Congress appears to have done a better job in the caste matrix. Not only did the Grand Old Party court senior Lingayat leaders, but it also managed to placate the Vokkaliga voters. The Congress' outreach to the Vokkaliga community is relevant as the latter felt antagonised in the 2018 Assembly election due to then Congress CM Siddaramaiah's attempt to win solely on account of the Ahinda support base, sidelining the two dominant communities of the state, which ultimately led to the party's defeat in 2018. The Vokkaligas appear to have responded to the Congress' overtures.

However, the conducive ground ambience for the Congress met with an organisationally determined BJP, wherein the national leadership and local cadres made colossal efforts to neutralise the anti-incumbency mood. While the PM led from the front, the local cadres went for massive public outreach. In fact, the party appears to have acquired little more ground among a section of the Left Dalits and the Ahinda youth base. Nevertheless, a combination of factors—like factional infighting in the BJP, the consequent rebellion that could not be managed, the weakness of the state BJP leadership, the meek counter-response to corruption charges, and the centrality of the local narratives—created a starting point of asymmetry against the BJP, which the party could not turnaround effectively. The Congress, to its credit, synchronised efforts to cash in on the opportunity.

While the exact verdict would be out on May 13, there are two big takeaways from the nature of electoral campaigns the BJP, the Congress and the JD(S) employed in Karnataka. The ability to hold onto the local narrative vis-à-vis the national helps opposition parties in Assembly elections. However, extrapolating the same to the general election and attributing the outcome to regional exceptionalism would be an analytical blunder.

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Karnataka elections

Apropos of *Big Day! Karnataka all set to vote today* (May 10). It is good to know that this time there are a high number of voters, considering this is an integral part of democracy and it is necessary for people to have a voice. Thus, as citizens from Karnataka, the last thing we want is for politicians to spend public money without being held accountable by the public's vote.
Aditya Kamble, Kalaburagi

Political advantage

It is appalling to see the BJP and some of the states ruled by it using the controversial film *The Kerala Story* for their political advantage. When the matter is sub-judice in the highest court of the country, what is the big hurry in making the film 'tax-free' in states like Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh?
Sudhakar Cherukunnu, Kannur

Afghan women

Apropos of *Afghan women's plight* (May 10). It has been rightly said in the quick take that the international community expresses concern now and then. But this seems like mere lip sympathy unless some positive action is initiated to liberate the women there. Gulf countries who have friendship and influence vis-à-vis the Taliban can be persuaded to take initiatives.
K Jayanthi, Chennai

Congress' complaint

Apropos of *Cong moves EC on PM's 'Model Code Violation'* (May 10). Congress GS and incharge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala complained to EC about the PM flouting the MCC with a video message. Has he forgotten about the video message of Mallikarjun Kharge? Aren't laws of the land equally applicable to all? Or is one family/party above the laws of the country?
Kiran Angadi, Bengaluru

Imran's arrest

With the arrest of former PM Imran Khan, the political atmosphere in Pakistan is gloomy. The massive protests and attacks across the country have caused major setbacks for the military government. It's not easy for Major Gen Naseer to calm the situation down, as Imran has many supporters. To divert the issue, they may create some problems on the border. So, the Indian side should be vigilant.
Ajay Rajeev, Cherthala

Curbing mishaps

Apropos of *Kerala boat tragedy: No lessons learnt from past mistakes* (May 9). The overcrowded boat and lack of a safety certificate were the reasons for the death of 22 people. The government should implement safety measures to curb such mishaps.
Abhilasha Gupta, Mohali

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

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Big Day for Karnataka today- a chance for change, a chance to choose better. As you all go out to vote today, use your votes to create a prosperous future

Sanjay Singh @SanjayAzadSln
Radicalism and the politics of hatred have destroyed Taliban Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Secularism and brotherhood is the biggest strength of India

Nitin Gadkari @nitin_gadkari
The completion of Udaipur-Shamlaji 6-lane section of NH-48 will result in better connectivity and time saving between Delhi-Mumbai

SC to pronounce verdict on Sena Vs Sena today

5-member bench to decide on disqualification of Eknath Shinde & 15 MLAs who revolted against Uddhav Thackeray

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

THURSDAY will mark an important day for Maharashtra politics and chief minister Eknath Shinde as a five-judge bench of the Supreme Court will decide on the disqualification of Shinde and 15 other MLAs who last year revolted against the then CM Uddhav Thackeray.

The verdict on the plea related to the Maharashtra political crisis will be delivered by Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud on behalf of four other members of the bench (justices MR Shah, Krishna Murari, Hima Kohli and PS Narasimha). The ruling was reserved earlier.

The court's adjudication in the Maharashtra political situation would decide the fate of the Shinde-led Maharashtra government as well as set the law related to intra-party disputes and application of anti-defection law for the future.

In the Shiv Sena rift, the Thackarey faction has sought that the former CM be reinstated. The Thackarey group contended that the Shinde faction never argued that there existed a split in the party and that the speaker acted in a "biased manner". On the other hand, the Shinde faction had said that it represented the real Shiv Sena as the legislature party had the authority of the political party.

The bench hearing the case had categorically asked how the court can reinstate the CM (Uddhav Thackeray) who did not even face the floor test.

Senior Advocate AM Singhvi's had urged the bench to restore the status quo that had existed on June 27, 2022, before the Governor directed former CM Uddhav Thackeray to face a floor test.

Justice MR Shah questioned Thackeray's decision to not face the trust vote and said, "How can the court reinstate the CM who did not even face the floor test?" CJI DY Chandrachud opined that Thackeray was not ousted from power as a result of a trust vote which was wrongly summoned by the Governor but because he chose not to face it.

POSSIBLE SCENARIOS POST -VERDICT

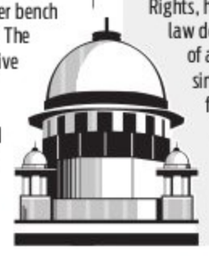
1. The Supreme Court can send the disqualification of 16 MLAs of Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena to the Speaker. As per the assembly business rule, only the Speaker has the right to disqualify the MLAs citing anti-party activities and other reasons. The court may clarify whether the disqualification of MLAs will be done by incumbent Speaker Rahul Narvekar or the erstwhile deputy speaker Narhari Zirwal who issued disqualification notices to 16 MLAs

2. The SC may use Section 142 of the Constitution to deliver complete justice. So, instead of sending 16 MLA's disqualification matter to Speaker, the court can directly disqualify the MLAs.

3. Even if the SC disqualifies MLAs, including CM Shinde, BJP still has the majority against the total numbers of MLAs. So, BJP can continue in power as as per current House strength. It will also have its own CM.

4. Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari had asked the then CM Uddhav Thackeray to prove the majority. According to the SC, the Governor has no authority to ask incumbent CM to prove majority and go for the floor test. The court can cancel the Governor's letter and call the current government illegal and the act of the Governor may be called unconstitutional.

5. The SC can send this matter to a larger bench of seven judges. The judgment will give relief to incumbent Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde and his government.



'Law permits single person to adopt kid'

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"Our law permits a single person to adopt a child... The law recognises that there may be situations apart from this ideal family having their own biological children," said the bench led by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud. The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) conceded that an individual in a same-sex relationship is not precluded from adopting a child. "We take that as CARA's position," the bench said. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, however, argued that the law does not recognise the right of a same-sex couple to adopt since it is based on the foundation that a child must have a stable family. It said the concept of gender may be fluid but not mother and motherhood.

Court to hear plea against Bengal ban on 'Kerala Story'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court has agreed to hear on May 12 pleas filed by producers of 'The Kerala Story' challenging West Bengal government's decision to ban the screening of the film, after the makers said they are "losing money every day".

The producers have also sought for protection of screening the film in Tamil Nadu alleging that the movie is also facing a shadow ban in the state.

The court agreed to hear the plea pursuant to the same being mentioned before the bench of CJI DY Chandrachud and Justice PS Narasimha.

Referring to the fact that the bench had listed the plea challenging the Kerala HC order of refusing to ban the movie on May 15, CJI initially proposed to also list this plea on May 15 but when senior advocate Harish Salve said that the "makers were losing money everyday," CJI agreed to hear the plea on May 12.

Modi to attend yoga day, Biden's dinner on US visit

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will be in New York on yoga day on June 21. This will be during his upcoming state visit to the US, which will include a state dinner in Washington DC on June 22 hosted by President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden.

"The visit will underscore the growing importance of the strategic partnership between India and the US as the two nations collaborate across numerous sectors. The leaders will have the opportunity to review strong bilateral cooperation in areas of mutual interest which includes technology, trade, industry, education, research, clean energy, defence security, healthcare and deepening people to people ties," according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

This June visit will facilitate the fourth meeting between PM Modi and President Biden between May and June, followed by a fifth during G20 Summit in September. The duo will first get to meet between May 19 and 21 during the sidelines of the upcoming G7 Leaders Summit meeting in Hiroshima. After the summit and before the duo head for the Quad Leaders Summit in Sydney on May 24, they will meet again in Papua New Guinea.

Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister, James Marape, had said that his country is ready to meet President Biden and PM Modi in May for the India-Pacific Islands Cooperation meeting that would be attended by 18 Pacific Island leaders. "Papua New Guinea is ready to received both President Biden and PM Modi. It will be a historic first and also a going forward furturistic meeting of global superpowers in the biggest country in the Pacific,'' said PM Marape.

The two leaders will meet again on May 24 during the Quad Summit in Sydney.

President Biden too is expected to travel to India in September for the G20 Leaders Summit, as was stated by Donald Lu, US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia. "2023 is going to be a big year for India-US relationship," Lu had earlier said. The two nations are cooperating in the Indo-Pacific and have been jointly conducting military exercises in the area too.

Report: India tops list of 10 nations accounting for 60% maternal deaths

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

INDIA tops the list of 10 countries that account for 60 per cent of global maternal deaths, stillbirths and newborn deaths, according to a report. It further noted that India accounts for 51 per cent of the world's live births. India is followed by Nigeria, Pakistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Afghanistan and Tanzania, said a report by WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA.

Sub-Saharan Africa and Central and Southern Asia are the regions experiencing the largest numbers of deaths. "The latest published estimates show there were a combined 4.5 million deaths: maternal deaths (0.29 million), stillbirths (1.9 million) and newborn deaths (2.3 million) in 2020-2021," the report said.

India saw 7,88,000 maternal deaths, stillbirths and neonatal deaths in 2020. The country accounted for 17 per cent of global live births, which could be a factor in many maternal deaths, stillbirths and neonatal deaths. In the worst-affected countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and Central and Southern Asia – the regions with the greatest burden of newborn and maternal deaths – fewer than 60 per cent of women receive even four of WHO's recommended eight antenatal checks, the report said.

The 10 'fragile countries' alone account for 659,000 global maternal deaths, stillbirths and neonatal deaths (14 per cen of the worldwide total).

The report said global progress in reducing deaths of pregnant women, mothers and babies has flattened for eight years due to decreasing investments in maternal and newborn health. The report shows that over 4.5 million women and babies die every year during pregnancy, childbirth or the first weeks after birth - equivalent to 1 death happening every 7 seconds - mostly from preventable or treatable causes if proper care was available.

"Pregnant women and newborns continue to die at unacceptably high rates worldwide, and the COVID-19 pandemic has created further setbacks to providing them with the healthcare they need," said Dr Anshu Banerjee, Director of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing at the WHO.

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UNESCO

Centre pushes Santiniketan for heritage tag

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE culture ministry has made recommendations for the World Heritage inscription for Santiniketan – the place where Rabindranath Tagore built Visva-Bharati--now a central university--over a century ago.

While briefing about the development, union culture minister G Kishan Reddy on Wednesday said that after PM Narendra Modi made a proposal, the recommendation to ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites), the advisory body to UNESCO World Heritage Centre was sent coinciding with the birth anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath.

"It was decided in the last advisory board meeting after the PM's proposal. The matter for the inscription will be taken up in the next Unesco's general body meeting to be held in September in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The advisory board's proposal is 99 percent approved in the meeting. Shantiniketan was the residence of Rabindranth Tagore, where a university exists there now," said Reddy.

Anganwadis to focus on building early childhood care and education

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

OVER 1 lakh Anganwadi workers will now impart early care and education to over 10 crore beneficiary children under 3 to six years. Launching the scheme, *'Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi'* Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Z Irani said they have earmarked Rs 600 crore for the training of Anganwadi workers, who till now were involved in providing nutritious food to children in these centres.

The scheme, which aims to strengthen early childhood care and education (ECCE), an important component of Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0) and envisaged under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, has been touted as path-breaking as it aims to ensure that India has the world's largest, universal, high-quality preschool network, as suggested under NEP.

The minister said the government has started training Anganwadi workers under the scheme to transform the rural childcare centres across the country into education hubs for children aged 3 to 6. The ministry had constituted an ECCE Task Force, which submitted its report this year.

The recommendations of the task force included capacity-building through a three-day in-person training, follow-up refresher training, and fresh teaching learning material (TLM). Also, activity books and toys, and a workshop on the usage and creation of toys were held, the minister said.

"Together with state-level planning and monitoring, it also calls for community involvement in a Jan Andolan through monthly ECCE days and other activities under Poshan 2.0," Irani added.

She said that the idea is to make Anganwadi centers education imparting centers and not just limit them to centers for nutrition.

India has around 14 lakh Anganwadi centers in the country. "The audiovisual and learning material is being tested in around seven states, over 10,000 communities with over one lakh community-driven projects and activities were undertaken," Irani said.

She said over 1.5 million parents participated in this effort to test the reading material.

"The Anganwadi help workers not only assist in counselling parents so that their children can come to Anganwadi but can also help create new methodologies of engaging with children who are divyang (specially abled) with regards to early childhood development," she said.

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> - Smriti Z Irani, Women and Child Development Minister

India-Canada trade and economic relationship set to reach higher level

ARPITA MUKHERJEE
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THE India-Canada trade and economic relationship has seen significant momentum after both countries decided to relaunch the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) negotiations last year.

The visit of Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry, to Canada in May 2023 for the sixth India-Canada Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment (MDTI) is well-timed and will further add to this momentum. The MDTI focuses on strengthening bilateral trade and investment ties and enhancing cooperation across multiple sectors, from food to green energy, critical minerals and defence. During his visit, Goyal held several meetings with CEOs of Canadian and Indian companies to promote B2B engagement. Goyal and Canadian Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development, Mary Ng, will review the progress of the India-Canada CEPA negotiations, with a possibility for an interim agreement or EPTA (Early Progress Trade Agreement). Since the negotiations were launched in 2022, seven rounds of negotiations have been completed as of date.

India and Canada have a history of a longstanding bilateral relationship based on shared commonalities between the two nations, such as the commitment to democracy, pluralism and the rule of law, along with strong people-to-people ties. In recent years, the bilateral economic ties have grown significantly as well. Bilateral trade in goods and services was around $10 billion in 2019-20. India is Canada's 11th-largest export market and 12th-largest trading partner. India's total merchandise trade with Canada was $6.62 billion in 2021-22. In the same year, India registered a merchandise trade surplus of $0.51 billion. The bilateral trade of services between Canada and India increased almost 3.5 times between 2011 and 2020 (from $1.57 billion in 2011 to $5.50 billion in 2020). Canada's imports from India reached $1.78 billion in 2020, from $0.86 billion in 2010.

One of the largest immigrant groups in Canada is people of Indian origin. The 22 Indian-origin Members of Parliament (in a total strength of 338) in the House of Commons of Canada are an example of the soft power of the Indian diaspora in the country. Since 2018, India has also been Canada's largest source country for international students.

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LONGSTANDING BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP

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In 2020, India ranked among the top ten import destinations of Canada in computer services (rank was 2nd), telecommunication (3rd), audio-visual services (4th) and travel services (7th). These may be some of the sectors, apart from professional/business services, where B2B collaborations can be explored during the visit of the Indian Minister. Canada faces man power shortages in sectors like IT and ITeS, healthcare, engineering, and education services, and the Indian workforce can help to mitigate the shortages. The removal of barriers to the mobility of skilled workers and professionals can be an area for discussion.

The cumulative FDI equity inflows from Canada between April 2000 – December 2022 was $3,184.52 million. Canada ranks 19th among the source countries for investment into India, with a percentage share of only 0.51%. The top five sectors that attracted FDI equity inflows from Canada include the services sector (44.28%), drugs and pharmaceuticals (8.71%), trading (7.14%), computer software and hardware (6.94%) and food processing (2.64%). There is scope for India to attract FDI from Canada in manufacturing, finance and insurance services, transportation and warehousing, information and cultural industries, and the technology sector.

Canadian Pension Funds and other major firms have pledged portfolio investments of over Canadian Dollar 55 billion in India in infrastructure, highways, airports, clean energy, education, logistics, real estate, banking, hospitality and warehousing. Canadian companies increasingly view India as an attractive destination for investments. The visit provides an opportunity to showcase India, highlight initiatives like the Production-Linked-Incentive (PLI) scheme, and build B2B connect. Attracting more investment from Canada will unleash further trade and collaborations.

Given the potential for India to enhance exports of agri-food products, Goyal is inaugurating the Indian Pavilion at SIAL CANADA-2023, the largest food innovation trade show in North America. SIAL CANADA-2023 has a participation of more than 1000 national and international exhibitors from 50 countries, providing opportunities for Indian exporters to connect to Canadian importers.

The visit also provides opportunities for regulatory cooperation to ease some barriers related to recognising standards and processes across a wide range of food and non-food products, including organic goods. Easing such non-tariff issues through regulatory cooperation can help to increase our exports. Canada allows multiple entry visas for professionals but does not currently offer an e-visa option for Indian nationals, which can be discussed.

As Canada encourages and supports mutual recognition agreements (MRAs) in professional services, regulators in both countries can work together to facilitate mutual recognition of education and qualification standards. Lastly, the role of Canada as a key member of the USMCA Free Trade Area (erstwhile NAFTA Free Trade Area) cannot be underestimated. Many Indian companies and service providers have been catering to the USA market from Canada. There are thus opportunities for Indian and Canadian firms to cater to third-party markets jointly, and the visit sets the platform for such collaborations and partnerships.

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2 MILITANTS HELD

Security forces on Wednesday arrested two militant associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir and recovered arms and ammunition, including an IED, from their possession.

02 TIGERS SEEN AT THE LIMITS OF CHANETI VILLAGE IN U'KHAND

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	22	Mumbai	34	25
Bhopal	29	18	Panaji	29	23
Jaipur	29	18	Patna	31	20
Amritsar	26	14	Lucknow	28	19
Chennai	32	26	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	30	22	Imphal	25	13
Srinagar	16	07	Chandigarh	24	16

PM tears into Cong's Garibi Hatao

Calls it one of the 'greatest frauds' in independent India while sounding Rajasthan poll bugle

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

For an election-bound state, it was a rare event on Wednesday: Chief Minister of Congress-ruled Rajasthan Ashok Gehlot and Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared the dais in the state capital Jaipur, where the divergence of political ideologies overwhelmed the theme of the day: the launch of projects in Rajsamand district's Nathdwara town.

The PM in three rallies tore into Congress government in the state, saying, it had failed to prioritise development.

Gehlot stressed that Opposition should be respected in democracy and expressed hope that the Prime Minister would also "move in this direction."

"Vipaksh ke bina paksh kaisa (can there be a ruling side sans the Opposition)? The Opposition should also be respected. "I think that you (PM) will also move in this direction. The ruling dispensation and the opposition will then be able to serve the country with more vigour," Gehlot said in the presence of the PM at the function.

As Gehlot stood up to speak, the audience started shouting "Modi, Modi." The PM signaled the people to calm down.

The CM in a statement later objected to Prime Minister's criticism of previous governments in his speech at the event, saying the country has not been built in a day without "other governments."

Speaking after Gehlot's address, the PM said "History has seen that for a sustainable and rapid development, it is necessary to create modern infrastructure along with a basic system. Rajasthan has also suffered for not building infrastructure with foresight," he said.

However, at another rally, the PM criticised the ongoing conflict between the CM and Pilot. "What kind of government is this where the Chief Minister distrusts his own MLAs? Everyone is competing to humiliate each other. In such a scenario, who would prioritise the development of Rajasthan?" he asked.

The PM slammed the Congress for what he called one of the "greatest frauds" of independent India -- the 'Garibi hatao guarantee' which was clearly aimed at raising a question mark over the five guarantees the Congress has given to the people of Karnataka.

PM Narendra Modi addresses people during the foundation stone laying ceremony of various projects at Abu Road on Wednesday | PTI

The ruling Congress government in Rajasthan has done what it is notorious for. It has consistently adopted a lenient approach towards terrorists. Due to feeble arguments in the blast case, the accused were acquitted. The Congress may attempt to cover it up, but the truth has been revealed

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

"In independent India, the big betrayal on the people's feelings occurred with the launch of the Congress' Garibi Hatao guarantee about 50 years ago. With each guarantee of the party, Congress leaders became richer and the common citizens poorer," Modi said.

The Prime Minister also criticised the Rajasthan government for not taking a firm stance against the accused in Jaipur blasts 2008. May 13 is the anniversary of the terror attack.

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Modi to dedicate 42k houses under PMAY in Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will on Friday dedicate nearly 42,000 residences built at a cost of ₹1,946 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (urban and rural).

The urban part of the scheme will include 7,113 houses. He would also lay the foundation stone for 4,331 buildings and facilitate 'griha pravesh' for 18,997 houses. The rural part includes inauguration of 12,000 houses in 3,740 villages across 232 talukas. In this, the total number of houses to be is 42,441. These are built at a cost of ₹1,946 crore.

At the event, the Prime Minister will hand over the keys to seven beneficiaries. He will also connect with the recipients virtually at various locations and address the event. During the ceremony, a short film about the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana will be shown.

The core plan will include 7,000 beneficiaries, with 4,000 from metropolitan areas and 3,000 from rural areas. Besides, beneficiaries from all over Gujarat will participate remotely in the event. The Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG) will provide connectivity at 3,900 urban and rural project sites in the state.

Cultural events such as 'toran-rangoli,' flower displays, tree plantations, 'kalash vidhis' and pujas performed by women, as well as local folk music and dances have been organized. Along with this, everyone in attendance will make a pledge for the Lifestyle for The Environment (LiFE) scheme.

PLAN AT A GLANCE

11.56 lakh — Total no. of houses built so far in Gujarat under the scheme:

7.5 lakh — In urban areas

4.06 lakh — In rural areas

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Kashmir University to host Y20 meet

The Youth20 (Y20) consultation meeting on 'Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life' would be held at Kashmir University on Thursday. The Y20 meeting at the University campus in Hazratbal area of Srinagar would be inaugurated by J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha. Vice-Chancellor Kashmir University, Professor Nilofar Khan said all necessary arrangements have been finalised for the meeting. The event will be attended by officials from the Centre, J&K administration, 17 international delegates, 4 speakers, and 12 national speakers.

Smart City Project: 1st wire-free market

Under the smart city project, Srinagar has got the first wire-free and exclusively pedestrian market at the Polo View area of uptown city. The market has separate underground sewerage and drainage networks, underground electricity and communication lines. Besides, there has been an improvement and upgradation in conservation, heritage buildings and public conveniences. The market would have public bicycle sharing facilities and traffic will ply on the rear side of the Polo View market. The market used to remain abuzz.

Unregistered vehicles to face hefty fines

In order to curb the use of unregistered vehicles, the Regional Transport Officer Kashmir issued Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to sternly tackle the issue. According to the SOPs, the first offence of an unregistered vehicle being found on roads will be met with a penalty of `5,000 under the Motor Vehicles Act while the second offence will result in `10,000 fine or a prison sentence for the owner, which may extend to one year, or both. Besides, the non-display of registration mark of High Security Registration Plates (HSRPs) on vehicles will be punishable now.

Wedding that never was: Would-be couple snap ties at pre-wedding event

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

PRE-wedding shoots have emerged as a craze as would-be couples compile a memorable album of how they were before marriage. However, this event proved disastrous: the couple simply "abandoned" the "destined" marriage plans after the pre-wedding shoot.

It appears both sides had already made up their mind that they would not be able to carry on with the relationship, and maybe, they gave one last chance at the event to see if they could still be together, said a relative of the boy's side.

All arrangements were in place for the impending marriage in Raipur, as the couple went out for a pre-wedding shoot. However, no one is sure as to what happened in the meantime.

Worse, the girl approached the state women commission seeking the deletion of the photos and videos of the pre-wedding shoots besides the full compensation of expenses incurred by her family for the marriage that was not to be. After the intervention of the commission, sides reached a compromise and the girl withdrew her complaint, sources said. The bride-to-be informed the women's panel led by its chairman Kiranmayee Nayak that the demanded amount (dowry?) has been received and the boy has promised to delete the contents of their pre wedding album.

The Commission has issued an advisory to the groom that in future if any image or video of the girl is uploaded on the net or other social media, then she as a victim can register a complaint with the cyber crime cell. "The youths should realise not to let the western culture have such an influence on marriage ceremonies or rituals on such occasions. They should desist from the pre-wedding shoots as it may harm the girl's side if the marriage is not solemnized", said Nayak.

Social scientists say pre-wedding shoots are against Indian culture. "There always remains a possibility of greater harm if such practices are pursued by the couple at locations far away from their own city.

MEERUT RIOTS

HC summons records linked to acquittal of 41

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

ALLAHABAD High Court has summoned the records of Meerut's lower court, related to acquittal of 41 persons accused in Maliana massacre case which had taken place in Meerut district in 1987. In the massacre, around 68 Muslims were killed by a mob, including the personnel of UP Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC).

The case has been posted for next hearing on August 14. Hearing a criminal appeal filed by one Rais Ahmad, a survivor of the incident, the division bench comprising Justice Siddhartha Varma and Justice Manish Kumar Nigam observed, "Summon the lower court record. List this case on August 14, 2023."

Rais had challenged the verdict of Meerut sessions court which had acquitted all 41 accused of the massacre for want of evidence. After a gap of 36 years and 800 hearings, the Meerut sessions court acquitted all 41 accused on March 31, this year. The other 40 people named as accused in the FIR died during trial.

Stray violence, low turnout mar Jalandhar Lok Sabha bypoll

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

SCUFFLES among the supporters of rival parties marred the low voter turnout for the Jalandhar Lok Sabha by-election on Wednesday. An MLA of the ruling AAP was arrested after the Congress complained that "outsiders" were interfering in the voting.

The constituency registered a voting percentage of 54, way below 62.36 in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. Punjab Chief Electoral Officer Sibin C said MLA of Baba Bakala, Dalbir Singh Tong, was arrested for being present in the Jalandhar constituency and later released on bail.

"After receiving photographs of outsiders present near polling booths, the police have been instructed to conduct checks and make public announcements urging those who are not voters in Jalandhar to leave the constituency immediately," he said.

A man was allegedly attacked with bricks outside a polling booth at Nari Niketan in the Jalandhar (West) assembly segment. Accusing AAP leaders of flouting the ECI guidelines, Punjab Congress President Amrinder Singh Raja Warring said his party has complained against several AAP MLA for allegedly being present in the Jalandhar constituency violating the model code of conduct.

Several videos of ruling party legislators violating the model code of conduct surfaced on the social media. Punjab BJP chief Ashwani Sharma shot off a letter to the chief election commissioner, alleging several AAP MLAs and leaders were present in the constituency and he accused the AAP government of misusing the official machinery.

The bypoll was necessitated by the death of Congress MP Santokh Chaudhary due to a heart attack while taking part in the Punjab leg of the Bharat Jodo Yatra in January. The win is important for AAP which lost the Sangrur Lok Sabha bypoll.

BY-ELECTIONS AT A GLANCE

Take a look at the status of bypolls held across four states on Wednesday

JHARSUGUDA, ODISHA

A total of **68.12 %** of the 2.21 lakh voters exercised their franchise till 5 pm on Wednesday in the Jharsuguda assembly by-election in Odisha, said chief electoral officer Nikunja Bihari Dhal The poll was described as peaceful.

SOHIONG, MEGHALAYA

A voter turnout of **87.39%** was recorded in Sohiong by-election in Meghalaya's East Khasi Hills district till 3 pm on Wednesday, with the polling process largely being peaceful.

JALANDHAR, PUNJAB

In the four-cornered battle for Jalandhar Lok Sabha seat, a voter turnout of over **54%** was recorded till 5 pm amid reports of stray violence.

SUAR, CHHANBEY, UP

The Suar seat recorded 41.78% polling while Chhanbey constituency saw **39.51%** voter turnout till 5 pm for the assembly by-elections. A total of 14 candidates are in the fray with six in Suar and eight in Chhanbey.

Girls take the lead, outperform boys in Class X, XII C'garh board exams

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

RESULTS of Class 12 and Class 10 examinations conducted by the Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE) were declared on Wednesday, with girls outshining boys in overall pass percentage. This year also witnessed more girls appearing for the exams of both the classes than boys.

The overall pass percentage of Class 10 is 70.05 per cent and that of Class 12 remains 79.96 per cent. 79.16 per cent girls passed the Class 10 examination against the 66 per cent among boys. Similarly 83.84 per cent girls passed as against 75.36 per cent boys in Class 12.

Interestingly, more girls than the boys took the Board examination this year. Out of the 33,0681 students who appeared in the high school exam, 1,77,790 were girls. 1,79,706 were girls out of the 3,23,625 candidates who appeared in higher secondary exams.

The state school education minister Premsai Singh Tekam released the results. Chief minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the students, particularly girls, have consistently excelled in their academic performances over the years. He congratulated students for accomplishing better results and appreciated the department's effort for timely compilation of the marks and grades.

Compared to 2022, this year the results of Class 10 and 12 improved by 0.82 per cent and 0.6 per cent respectively. The CM was delighted to find the students of Swami Atmanand English medium school excelled in the examinations.

"This year again, the students performing exceptionally well will get a chance of joy rides as a reward from the state government," Baghel said.

Rahul Yadav from Jashpur district secured 98.83 per cent and topped Class X and Vidhi Bhonsle from Raigarh district got 98.20 per cent and secured first rank in Class XII.

HOW THEY FARED

OVERALL PASS PERCENTAGE

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Space lab, WiFi change face of this UP village

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

HASUDI Ausanpur may be a remote village in Siddharthnagar district bordering Nepal in eastern UP, but its accomplishments are great.

It has the distinction of having a unique space lab, designed and set up by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in the government primary school.

The entire village, which has population of only 1,024 that lives in the area spread over 1,300 hectares, covered under Wi-Fi. The panchayat building is hi-tech with a video-conferencing facility.

The entire village has CCTV cameras installed at 23 places and streets are illuminated with 90 LED lamps powered by 45 solar panels.

The credit for taking the village to the status of being the only smart village of UP goes to its 44-year-old village pradhan Dilip Kumar Tripathi, who had made it his mission to make Ausanpur a 'smart' village.

Hasudi Ausanpur is now ready to clinch the another distinction by becoming the second 'carbon-neutral panchayat' of the country after Jammu's Palli Gram Panchayat.

The carbon-neutral status is gained when the carbon dioxide emissions is net zero in the village.

It can be done by putting the use of coal, oil and gas to an extent that the emissions of carbon dioxide are reduced to a bare minimum.

"When PM Modi inaugurated a mega solar place and declared Palli in Jammu in April, 2022 as the first carbon-neutral village, I took the resolve to make our village a carbon-neutral village as well," said Dilip Kumar Tripathi, a post graduate in Ancient India History.

Tripathi started working on minimising the carbon emission on his own. "Around 14,000 trees, including neem, peepal, sheesham and others, have been planted on around six hectares of land that belongs to gram panchayat. Also, there are around 31 solar street lights and four solar irrigation pumps in the village.

A solar power plant has been installed in the primary school. All 148 houses in the village have gas and electricity connections," said Tripathi.

Finally, under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan (UBA) — a flagship programme of the Union Ministry of Education — the Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University (IIT-BHU) identified Hasudi Ausanpur village, owing to its smart village attributes, for adoption in order to make it the country's second 'carbon-neutral panchayat'.

The survey that primarily includes measures to be taken in order to neutralise the carbon emissions in the village is over.

Besides, the BHU-IIT team also conducted a study to ascertain the green cover status of the village and the total carbon emission therein.

"The next step is the compilation of a detailed project report (DPR) after which appropriate measures would be taken in order to make the village a carbon neutral village," said the Village Pradhan.

Hasudi Ausnapur village, which was declared an aspirational district by the NITI Aayog after putting it among 112 most underdeveloped districts in the country in 2018, has won seven national and two state awards in the past few years in different categories of development.

These and other distinctions have made Hasudi Ausanpur a centre of attraction.

So much so that IAS probationers and researchers now visit the village to study its success model.

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dead in tribal fighting in southern Sudan, the country's doctor union said on Wednesday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	13	TDS	Los Angeles	22	12	LC
Colombo	31	26	LC	Melbourne	18	9	HR
Dhaka	39	27	TDS	Moscow	17	7	HR
Dubai	37	27	SNY	New York	22	13	LC
Houston	24	23	SNY	Singapore	33	28	TDS
Istanbul	15	11	LC	Toronto	19	11	LC
London	17	8	LC	Washington	24	11	LC

IMRAN'S RANT AGAINST THE ARMY

Imran Khan's arrest came a day after he reiterated his claim that a senior military officer was behind attempts on his life

HIS DARING ATTACKS ON FORCE

- During a weekend rally in Lahore, Imran once again accused a senior military officer of orchestrating attempts to assassinate him
- He said top ISI officer Major-General Faisal Naseer had a role in two attempts on his life
- He had earlier also accused members of the Army, intelligence of trying to finish him off
- Last year, he called former Pakistan Army Chief Gen Qamar Bjawa a traitor and accused him of "playing games" against his government

FRIGHTENINGLY POPULAR

- The Army has lashed out at Imran, accusing him of trying to malign the institution. Imran, however, contended his statements were not against the institution of Army, but a few individuals within it
- Imran is hugely popular in Pakistan as demonstrated by massive protests across the country that followed his arrest
- Analysts say Army has every reason to worry that through his continuous attacks on officials, he could turn the masses against it and break its hold over country

Army deployed in major Pak cities to quell unrest

Seven dead in second day of violent protests against Imran's arrest

ISLAMABAD/PESHAWAR

VIOLENT clashes between Imran Khan's supporters and security forces have left at least seven people dead and nearly 300 injured across Pakistan as the army was deployed in the country's capital Islamabad, as well as in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan provinces on Wednesday to maintain law and order.

At least 14 government buildings/installations were set on fire by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party supporters in Punjab province following the dramatic arrest of Khan in a corruption case on Tuesday, police said.

The law enforcement agencies have arrested 1,150 PTI supporters including women in Punjab alone so far. Two top leaders — PTI Secretary General Asad Umar, former Punjab governor Omar Sarfraz Cheema and PTI Vice Chairman Shah Mahmood Qureshi — were also arrested on Wednesday.

The situation in Lahore and several other cities of Punjab remained tense on Wednesday in the wake of the arrest of the PTI chief. As the police failed to control the law-and-order situation in the province, the Punjab government called for the deployment of the Pakistan Army.

As many as 10 companies of the army have been requested to be deployed in the province of 120 million to control the situation. The federal government has approved deployment of the Army in Punjab.

"The protesters have set on fire 14 government installations/buildings and 21 police vehicles in Punjab. Over 130 officials and officers of the security agencies have been wounded. Police arrested 1,150 miscreants during their clashes with the security agencies and causing damage to the state property," the Punjab police said.

In Peshawar, at least four persons were killed and 27 others injured in clashes between protestors and police, a spokesperson of Lady Reading Hospital confirmed.

Protestors also set fire to the building of state-run Radio Pakistan, causing severe damage to the studios, auditorium and other facilities, Director General Radio Pakistan Peshawar Tahir Hassan told the media.

In Islamabad, the protestors clashed with police and the Srinagar Highway linking the national capital with its international airport remained blocked for several hours. *AP*

> If they think that the arrest of Imran Khan will demoralise us, then they are hugely mistaken. We stand with Imran Khan and will support him till death
>
> A protester in Peshawar

Supporters of Imran Khan clash with police during a protest against the arrest of their leader in Peshawar on Wednesday | AFP

Trump sexually abused writer: NY jury

NEW YORK

A jury found Donald Trump liable on Tuesday for sexually abusing advice columnist E Jean Carroll in 1996, awarding her $5 million in a judgment that could haunt the former president as he campaigns to regain the White House

The verdict was announced in a federal courtroom in New York City on the first day of jury deliberations. Jurors rejected Carroll's claims that she was raped, but found Trump liable for sexually abusing her.

Hours earlier, US District Judge Lewis A Kaplan read instructions on the law to the nine-person jury before the panel began discussing Carroll's allegations of battery and defamation shortly before noon.

E Jean Carroll

Donald Trump

Trump, who did not attend the trial, has insisted he never sexually assaulted Carroll or even knew her.

Kaplan told jurors that the first question on the verdict form was to decide whether they think there is more than a 50% chance that Trump raped Carroll inside a store dressing room. If they answered yes, they would then decide whether compensatory and punitive damages should be awarded.

If they answered no on the rape question, they could then decide if Trump subjected her to lesser forms of assault involving sexual contact without her consent or forcible touching to degrade her or gratify his sexual desire. If they answered yes to either of those questions, they will decide if the damages are appropriate.

On defamation claims stemming from a statement Trump made on social media last October, Kaplan said jurors needed to be guided by higher legal standards and clear and convincing evidence. He said they would have to agree it was "highly probable" that Trump's statement was false and was made maliciously with deliberate intent to injure or out of hatred or ill will with reckless disregard for Carroll's rights.

Meanwhile, Trump posted a new message on social media, complaining that he is now awaiting the jury's decision "on a False Accusation."

He said he is "not allowed to speak or defend myself, even as hard-nosed reporters scream questions about this case at me." Trump said he will not speak until after the trial, "but will appeal the Unconstitutional silencing of me ... no matter the outcome!" *AFP*

Landmark Turkey-Syria talks in Russia

MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S foreign minister on Wednesday hosted his counterparts from Turkey, Syria and Iran for talks that marked the highest-level contact between Ankara and Damascus since the start of the Syrian civil war over a decade ago.

In his opening speech, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov expressed hope that the meeting would pave the way to drafting a road map for normalising Turkish-Syrian relations.

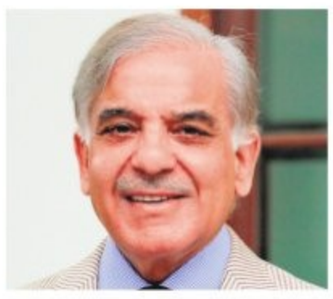
Lavrov said he sees Moscow's task as not only in consolidating politically the progress that has been made, "but also in determining general guidelines for further movement."

Russia has spent years trying to help Syrian President Bashar Assad rebuild ties with Turkey and other countries that were fractured in the war, which killed nearly 5,00,000 people and displaced 23 million.

Russia intervened militarily in Syria starting in September 2015, teaming up with Iran to help Assad's government to reclaim most of the country. Moscow has maintained a military presence in the Mideast country even as the bulk of its forces are busy fighting in Ukraine.

Throughout the 12-year conflict, Turkey has backed armed opposition groups seeking to remove Assad from power. The Syrian government has frequently denounced Ankara's hold over parts of a northwest enclave previously seized by Assad's opponents. Turkey captured the territory through several military incursions since 2016 against US-backed Kurdish forces.

The efforts toward a Turkish-Syrian reconciliation come as Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is under intense pressure at home to send Syrian refugees back amid a steep economic downturn. He is seeking reelection on Sunday, when Turkey also holds both presidential and parliamentary elections. *AFP*



Shehbaz Sharif

PM Shehbaz Sharif, son gets clean chit in corruption case

ISLAMABAD

IN a major relief for Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his son Hamza, the National Accountability Bureau has declared the father-son duo were "innocent" in a money laundering case after it conducted a re-investigation, a media report said on Wednesday.

The case was filed by the anti-corruption agency in 2020, which alleged that Shehbaz and his family members were involved in money laundering and illegal transfer of funds through fake accounts.

The supplementary report was submitted to the accountability court and presented during the hearing conducted by Accountability Court judge Qamar-ul-Zaman, *Samaa TV* reported on its website.

During Wednesday's hearing, Hamza Shehbaz filed a petition seeking an exemption from attendance on medical grounds, which was approved by the court. The supplementary report, submitted on Monday, stated that the 71-year-old prime minister, his wife Nusrat Shehbaz, son Hamza Shehbaz, and other accused were found to have no involvement in the matter after a re-investigation.

According to the NAB official, the corruption allegations could not be substantiated under the NAB Amendment Act.

The court adjourned further proceedings till May 24 and extended the interim bails of Haroon Yousaf Aziz, prime minister's son-in-law, and co-accused Syed Muhammad Tahir Naqvi until May 24.

In December 2020 when Khan was in power, the Federal Investigation Agency submitted a challan against Shehbaz and his son Hamza before the court for the duo's alleged involvement in money laundering.

THAILAND

ECONOMY TOP ISSUE FOR VOTERS

Thailand votes Sunday in an election expected to deliver a rejection of former coup leader Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-Cha, with the opposition tipped to win the most seats. Polls suggest voters will hand in a damning verdict on nearly a decade of military-backed rule that has brought economic stagnation and a crackdown on basic freedoms. With household debt running high and growth feeble, much campaigning has focused on the economy. "Look at our country — do you think our economy is good after four years?" an office worker told in Bangkok said.

ASIA MATTERS

MAN STABBED OVER JIBE AGAINST WOMAN

A man was stabbed to death on Wednesday over a lewd remark he allegedly against a woman. The drunken man reported commented on the woman's figure after which her bodyguard confronted him, leading to a scuffle. The woman's boyfriend then joined in the fight and stabbed the man several times with a sharp object, the police said

SINGAPORE

FUND TO HELP DISABLED SET UP THEIR BIZ

A multi-million dollar fund has been launched to support social causes, including helping people with disabilities start their own businesses. "The multi-year collaboration will really enable us to learn by doing because it will build upon the research, build upon the test-bedding in order to improve the interventions" the chair of Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities was quoted as saying by Straits Times. The aim is to set up an "inclusive business incubator" to allow former offenders and people with disabilities to run their own businesses.

SAFETY RISK

Staff shortage haunts nuclear power plant in Zaporizhzhia

MOSCOW

RUSSIA plans to relocate around 2,700 Ukrainian staff from Europe's largest nuclear plant, Ukraine's atomic energy company claimed on Wednesday, warning of a potential "catastrophic lack of qualified personnel" at the Zaporizhzhia facility in Russia-occupied southern Ukraine.

Workers who signed employment contracts with Russia's nuclear agency Rosatom following Moscow's capture of the Zaporizhzhia plant early in the war are set to be taken to Russia along with their families, Energoatom said in a Telegram post. Energoatom did not specify whether the employees would be forcibly moved out of the plant nor was it immediately possible to verify Energoatom's claims about Moscow's plan.

Removing staff would "exacerbate the already extremely urgent issue" of staff shortages, Energoatom said. The Moscow-installed governor of the region ordered civilian evacuations from the area last Saturday, including from the nearby city of Enerhodar where most plant workers live. The scope of the evacuation order was not clear.

Fighting near the plant has fuelled fears of a potential catastrophic incident like the one at Chernobyl, in northern Ukraine, where a reactor exploded in 1986 and spewed deadly radiation.

Zaporizhzhia is one of the 10 biggest nuclear plants in the world. *AFP*

PTI moves SC against arrest

Islamabad: Th Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party on Wednesday filed a petition in the Supreme Court challenging the Islamabad High Court's ruling which backed the arrest of the former prime minister in a corruption case, according to a media report. Khan, 70, was arrested by the paramilitary Rangers in a corruption case from the IHC and bundled into a prison van sparking massive protests across the country by supporters of his PTI party. On Wednesday, the petition was submitted to the Supreme Court to nullify the verdict announced by the IHC on Tuesday night, the Dawn News reported. "An application in the Supreme Court was filed by barrister Ali Zafar and PTI leader Fawad Chaudhry challenging the verdict against Imran," the report said

Former Nepal home minister arrested over refugee scam

KATHMANDU

FORMER Home Minister and influential leader of Nepali Congress Bal Krishna Khand was arrested on Wednesday for his alleged involvement in the fake Bhutani refugee scam.

A team of Nepal Police detained Khand, a close associate of Nepali Congress President and former prime minister Sher Bahadur Dueba, along with his personal secretary Narendra K C from their residence in Kathmandu early on Wednesday, according to Nepal Police spokesperson Kuber Kadayat. Khand was arrested from his Chabahil residence, while K C was arrested from Jadibuti of Kathmandu on Wednesday morning.

The former home minister was arrested for his alleged involvement in the fake refugee racket under which Nepali nationals were sent to the United States by forging fake documents of them being Bhutanese refugees.

According to media reports, an audio tape was released in which Arzu Rana Deuba, wife of former PM Deuba, and Khand's wife, Manju Khand, are accused of receiving millions of rupees from victims of this scam. Nepal Police is currently investigating the fake Bhutanese refugee scam, which also involves a former senior minister and other top-level former government officers.

Police arrested ten people earlier, including former secretary at Home Ministry Tek Narayan Pandey, Indrajit Rai, security advisor to the former home minister and the Communist Party of Nepal leader Ram Bahadur Thapa and Sandeep Rayamajhi, son of former deputy prime minister and secretary of CPN-UML Top Bahadur Rayamajhi.

In a big relief to the Nepal government, the US and some other Western countries accepted around 1,00,000 thousand refugees from Bhutan, who had taken shelter in eastern Nepal districts for decades since the 1990s. *PTI*

Tunisian policeman kills 5 in synagogue shooting

DJERBA

TUNISIAN authorities were on Wednesday investigating a shooting spree by a police officer that claimed five lives and sparked mass panic during a Jewish pilgrimage at Africa's oldest synagogue.

Security forces threw a tight cordon around the site on Djerba island as officials probed whether Tuesday's shootings were a random killing spree or an anti-Semitic terrorist attack.

The police officer first killed a colleague and took his ammunition, then went to the Ghriba synagogue and opened fire, sparking terror on the final day of the annual pilgrimage.

Wearing his uniform and a bulletproof vest, he shot dead two visitors and injured two more. In the ensuing gun battle, he also wounded six police officers, two of whom later died, hospital sources said. The assailant was then shot dead himself, the interior ministry said, without identifying him.

"Without the rapid intervention of the security forces, there would have been wider carnage" because hundreds of people were at the site, said a former tourism minister.

Trabelsi, who was at the synagogue during the shootings, named the visitors killed as Tunisian Aviel Haddad, 30, and his France-based cousin, dual national Benjamin Haddad, 42.

The killing spree was Tunisia's first deadly attack on foreigners since 2015, and the first to target the Ghriba pilgrimage since a suicide truck bombing killed 21 people in 2002. *AFP*

Tunisian soldiers secure an area near the Ghriba synagogue following a shootout on the resort island of Djerba | AFP

EXPRESS READ

Children among 15 dead in Nigeria boat tragedy

Abuja: A boat capsized in northwestern Nigeria, killing 15 people, police said on Wednesday. The boat was heading to the village of Dundeji in Sokoto state on Tuesday when it capsized in the middle of a river, local police spokesman Sanusi Abubakar told The Associated Press. There were 36 passengers on board the boat, with 21 of them rescued alive. Thirteen females and two males died, Abubakar said. Some of the fatalities were children. The villagers on Wednesday gathered at the local square with their families as they mourned the victims, who were on their way to fetch firewood, local media reported

Russia ends ban on direct flights to Georgia

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday abolished visas for Georgian nationals and lifted a 2019 ban on direct flights to the South Caucasus nation, a move that comes amid rocky relations between the two countries and that was quickly denounced by Georgia's president as a "provocation." According to a decree Putin signed, starting from May 15, Georgian nationals will be allowed to enter Russia without visas. Another presidential decree lifts a ban on direct flights by Russian airlines to Georgia. Russia unilaterally imposed the ban in 2019 after a wave of anti-Kremlin protests in Georgia

China a systemic rival on world stage: Berlin

Paris: Germany's foreign minister described China on Wednesday as increasingly becoming a "systemic rival" on the world stage, and urged Beijing to call out Russia as the aggressor in the war in Ukraine. German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock and French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna called on China to use its clout to push for peace in Ukraine. But Baerbock and Colonna also said it was time for Europe to decrease its economic and strategic dependency on China. Baerbock said Germany wants to work with China "everywhere it's possible" but it would be naive to ignore the risk of ending up in a position of reliance

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
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49.15 ▲	Nifty	18,315.10	₹250 ▲	22 carat (10 gm)	₹57,100	₹1 ▼	Per 10gm	₹780	▲ Euro		90.06

MG MOTOR TO SELL MAJORITY STAKE TO LOCAL PARTNER

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

MG Motor is planning to sell a majority stake in its India operation to a local partner (or partners) in the next two -four years, according to the company's strategic 5-year business road map announced on Wednesday.

The British brand owned by China's largest car maker Shanghai Automotive, is reportedly in talks with steel magnate Sajjan Jindal's JSW Group to dilute stake. If the deal goes through will mark the entry of JSW in the passenger vehicle industry. MG is yet to share the names of potential partner or partners while JSW Group declined to comment on this.

The carmaker's decision to rope in a local partner comes as more Chinese firms are struggling to obtain foreign direct investment (FDI) clearance from the Government of India for their future endeavours. Tension between India and China has remained at an elated level since troops of both sides clashed at the Galwan Valley in June 2020. Following this, India banned hundred of Chinese apps and amended FDI rules to increase the screening of proposals made by countries that share a border.

Owing to this, China's Great Wall Motor (GWM) pulled out from India and abandoned its $1 billion project. Other Chinese automakers such as Futon and Changan also pulled out from the Indian market.

The maker of the Hector and Astor SUV is also aiming to invest more than Rs 5,000 crore to expand its manufacturing capacity and have a total of 20,000 workforce by 2028.

The carmaker plans to establish a second manufacturing facility in Gujarat to increase its production output from the current 1,20,000 to 3,00,000 vehicles (including both plants' capacity).

The company intends to launch 4-5 new cars, mostly electric vehicle (EV) models, and achieve 65-75% of its sales from the EV portfolio by 2028. MG has plans to establish a battery assembly unit in Gujarat as well.

MG Motor had entered India in September 2017 by acquiring General Motors India's Halol plant.

NCLT admits Go First insolvency plea

Tribunal grants the airline protection under moratorium from recovery by lessors and lenders

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

IN a major relief to Go Airlines India Ltd (Go First), the Delhi bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Wednesday admitted the airline's plea for voluntary insolvency and initiation of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) proceedings.

NCLT also granted the Wadia family-promoted airline protection under moratorium from recovery by lessors and lenders, and appointed Abhilash Lal of Alvarez and Marsal as the interim resolution professional (IRP).

"In view of the unpaid debt subsisting above ₹1 crore and default committed towards the same, and Go Airlines being not disqualified under section 11 of IBC, we have no other option

but to admit the present application", according to the order passed by the Delhi Bench, chaired by Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar and LN Gupta. The tribunal has directed the company's suspended board of directors to co-operate with Lal so the airline remains a going concern and to ensure there are no layoffs of its 7,000 employees. The management was also asked to deposit ₹5 crore with the IRP to meet immediate expenses. The ruling is a setback for lessors as it restrains them, at least for the time being, from taking back aircraft. In the last few days, they have applied to the DGCA to seek repossession of the airline's 45 planes.

Aircraft lessor SMBC Aviation Capital has moved the appellate tribunal NCLAT against the order passed by the NCLT.

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As per Go First's application, it has committed a default of ₹2,660 crore toward aircraft lessors and ₹1,202 crore towards its vendors. The airline's total liabilities to all creditors, including banks and financial institutions, stand at ₹11,463 crore.

The airline has a total of 54 aircraft. Out of these, 28 are grounded due to the non-supply of engines by Pratt & Whitney (P&W). The grounding of the panes and its financial impact had forced the airline to file for voluntary insolvency resolution proceedings last week.

Mamta Binani, a lawyer and an insolvency professional said that the promoters of Go First will be able to submit resolution plan since they are not a willful defaulter, and personal guarantees given by them have not been invoked.

AM Naik steps down as Larsen&Toubro Chairman

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ENGINEERING and construction major Larsen and Toubro is gearing up for a change in leadership as non-executive Chairman A M Naik has decided to step down from the post, paving the way for MD and CEO S N Subrahmanyan taking over the role of Chairman and Managing Director.

Naik, who has been the helm of the company since 2012, will now assume the role of chairman emeritus. S N Subrahmanyan will be the CMD of the company with effect from October 1, 2023, L&T said in an exchange filing. The announcement on leadership change came on the day the Mumbai-based company declared its fourth quarter financial results.

The company on Wednesday reported a 10 percent rise in consolidated net profit to Rs 3,987 crore for the quarter ended March 2023 compared to Rs 3,621 crore in the same quarter last year. The consolidated revenue of the company during January-March 2023 increased to Rs 58,335 crore from Rs 52,851 crore in the year-ago period, a rise of 10%. Its total expenses also surged 11% to ₹51,502 crore against ₹46,334 crore in January-March FY22. The Board of Directors has recommended a final dividend of ₹24 per equity share, for the approval of shareholders. The consolidated order book of the group is at ₹399,526 crore as of March 31, 2023, with international orders having a share of 28%, L&T said. The order book of %399,526 crore represents a growth of 12%over ₹357,595 crore as of March 31, 2022.

Foxconn buys 300 acres land in Bengaluru

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IPHONE maker Foxconn has purchased 300 acres of land on the outskirts of Bengaluru, for ₹300 crore, according to filings with the London Stock Exchange on May 9.

The company's subsidiary Hon Hai Technology has carried out the purchase. As per sources, the company will soon take possession of the land. In March this year, the Karnataka government cleared the investment of the contract electronics manufacturer. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in March announced that the land has been allocated to the company. He had said this will create 1 lakh jobs and 300 acres of land near Bengaluru International airport has been allocated. The firm is said to be ramping up production at its Tamil Nadu plant. Last week, it announced, in April 2023 its revenue in smart consumer electronics products witnessed double-digit growth.

Adani-Hindenburg row: SC to hear pleas on May 12

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE Supreme Court will hear the pleas on the allegations of stock price manipulation by the Adani group and lapses in regulatory disclosure.

Nearly two months ago the court asked the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) to probe the allegations made by the US-based short seller Hindenburg Research.

The apex court had asked the capital market regulator to conclude the investigation within two months.

Sebi was supposed to file the report by May 2 but on April 29, the regulator filed its request with the apex court and requested six more months to complete its investigation. One of the PIL petitioners, advocate Vishal Tiwari, has opposed the Sebi's plea, saying the market regulator has already got sufficient time to inspect, examine, collect and seize relevant documents.

As per the cause list uploaded on the Supreme Court website, a bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices P S Narasimha and J B Pardiwala is scheduled to hear the pleas.

Hindenburg Research, in a report released on January 24, accused the Adani Group of stock manipulation and financial irregularities, which dented investors' confidence and wiped out more than $140 billion of the Indian conglomerate's market value.

Meanwhile, in a piece of positive news for the Adani Group, Mauritian Financial Services Minister Mahen Kumar Seeruttun has told the nation's Parliament that Hindenburg Research's allegations of the presence of 'shell' companies in the Island nation are 'false and baseless' and that Mauritius was in compliance with OECD-mandated tax rules.

Hindenburg Research had alleged that billionaire Gautam Adani used shell companies based in Mauritius to manipulate stock prices of his Indian-listed companies.

Sebi asks for 6 months to complete probe

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RESULTS

Kerala Gramin Bank net profit rises 162% to ₹325 crore in FY23

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MALAPPURAM-based Kerala Gramin Bank has registered a 162% jump in FY23 net profit to ₹325 crore as against ₹124 crore in the previous year. Net interest income grew 12.31% for the financial year ending March 2023. Net interest margin (NIM) improved to 4.03% as against 3.89% registered during the previous year. Operating profit improved to ₹539 crore during the year from ₹412 crore in the previous year, registering a growth rate of 30.82%. The bank showed improvement asset quality with gross NPA reducing to 2.26% and net NPA continuing to be zero percentage for second consecutive year with 100% provision coverage ratio.

India receives $108 billion in remittance in '22, highest globally

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA received $108 billion in remittances in 2022, which was the highest in the world, said Michael Patra, Deputy Governor, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday.

"India received the highest flow of remittances in the world at $108 billion in 2022, up by 24.6% from a year ago, and accounting for 3% of India's GDP. Additionally, Indians residing abroad hold deposits in Indian banks cumulating to $136 billion at the end of February 2023," Patra said in his speech at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) alumni conference, held on Wednesday.

He said India is playing a pivotal role in the ongoing fifth technological wave – the information and communication revolution and digital payments are set to rise in the coming years. "We have emerged as the largest player in real-time payment transactions globally, with a share close to 50 percent," he said. "Looking ahead, the future of digitalisation is bright, with total digital payments poised to jump three-fold to $10 trillion by 2026, wherein 2 out of 3 transactions will be through non-cash modes," he added.

The Unified Payment Interface (UPI) is the mainstay of the retail payment ecosystem, with around 9 billion transactions in April 2023 alone and this is attracting global attention.

JSW Infrastructure files draft papers with Sebi to raise up to ₹2,800 cr via IPO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

JSW Infrastructure, the ports business of the JSW Group, has filed preliminary papers with capital markets regulator Sebi to raise up to ₹2,800 crore through an initial public offering (IPO) to retire debt and support its expansion plans.

As per the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP), the IPO is a fresh issue of equity shares with no offer-for-sale (OFS) component, and the promoters will not be diluting their current stake via the issue. JSW Infrastructure will be the third company of the JSW Group to be listed on the bourses after JSW Energy and JSW Steel.

JM Financial Limited, Axis Capital Limited, Credit Suisse Securities (India), DAM Capital Advisors, HSBC Securities and Capital Markets (India) , ICICI Securities, Kotak Mahindra Capital, and SBI Capital Markets are the book running lead managers. The equity shares are proposed to be listed on BSE and NSE. JSW Infrastructure has an installed cargo handling capacity of 153.43 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) for multi-commodity cargo including dry bulk, break bulk, liquid bulk, gases and containers.

As of December 31, 2022, JSW Infrastructure had a net debt of ₹2,875 crore. It had a profit after tax (PAT) of ₹447.2 crore in October-December 2022-23 and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortisation (EBITDA) of ₹1,268.6 crore. For the nine months ended December 31, 2022, it handled a cargo volume of 66.70 million metric tonne (MMT), revenue from operations stood at ₹2,279.44 crore and profit after tax stood at ₹447.24 crore, whereas EBITDA margin stood at 52.87% and has a net debt of ₹2,875 crore.

FRESH ISSUE

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- Promoters will not dilute their stake through the issue

JSW INFRASTRUCTURE HAS AN INSTALLED CARGO HANDLING CAPACITY OF **153.43 MILLION** TONNES PER ANNUM (MTPA)

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- With IPO proceeds, it will retire debt and support its expansion plans

NEW PLANT

CISCO to set up manufacturing unit in TN

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

US-based network gear manufacturer CISCO has announced plans to set up a manufacturing facility in Tamil Nadu, its first in India, to address the growing demand for its products in the country.

The investment, which will generate 1,200 jobs, targets $1 billion worth of combined exports and domestic market production.

Official sources said the state government will be signing a memorandum of understanding with the company soon. The manufacturing facility will build to provide flexible and cost-effective delivery of next-generation services and applications and support complex cloud computing environments.

Vanguard cuts valuation of Ola by 35% to $4.8 bn

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

AFTER Swiggy and Byju's, ride-hailing company Ola's valuation has been slashed.

US-based investment management firm Vanguard Group has cut the valuation of Ola by nearly 35% to $4.8 billion. The company as of February 22, 2022, was valued at $6.7 billion, as per Tracxn report.

According to Tracxn, Vanguard holds 1,66,185 shares of ANI Technologies, which is the parent company of Ola. Previously Vanguard cut valuation of Ola by 45% in 2020 and 9.5% in 2021. This markdown comes at a time when the company is expected to get listed on the bourses next year. Two days ago, US-based investment firm Invesco slashed Swiggy's valuation to $5.5 billion. Earlier it slashed Swiggy's valuation from $10.7 billion to about $8 billion. This new valuation is about 31% lower from the $8 billion.

Also recently, edtech firm Byju's valuation was cut to $11.5 billion by BlackRock from $22 billion. This cut comes at a time when the funding into Indian start-ups has dropped significantly. As part of its restructuring exercise, Ola had earlier fired about 200 employees across Ola Electric, Ola Financial Services and Ola Cabs.

As per reports, Oyo's valuation was also recently slashed to $2.7 billion by SoftBank, which is the largest investor in the hotel chain. Many start-ups are struggling with global economic challenges and funding slowdown. Indian start-ups saw a 75% year-on-year decline in funding in the first quarter of 2023 compared to the same quarter last year.

Thirty-six years of IREDA: An interactive session on 'Energy Literacy' organized

Prof. Chetan Singh Solanki, known as "Solar Man of India", emphasized the severity of climate change and urged everyone to be a part of the solution, as we have all been a part of the pollution. He was speaking at interactive session on "Energy Literacy" organized by Indian Renewable Energy Development AgencyLtd. (IREDA)on 4th May, 2023 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. It was one of 36 events being organized as part of the celebrations commemorating 36 years of IREDA.

Business & Beyond

GRSE gets award for 'transfer, loading of 250T Goliath Crane'

KOLKATA: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), a leading warship building company, won 91st SKOCH Awardsfor 'Unique Transfer & Loading of Fully Built 250T Goliath Crane'. Two projects of GRSE, including 'Unique Transfer & Loading of Fully Built 250T Goliath Crane' and 'Ventilation Noise Reduction Measures Towards Resolution of High Bridge Wing Noise Onboard IN LCU ships',made to the Semi-finals.

Union Bank Inaugurated Dhabaleswar Branch

Cuttack: Union Bank of India opened its 55th Branch of Cuttack Region at Dhabaleswar on 03.05.2023. The Branch was inaugurated by Ranendra Pratap Swain, Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Empowerment of Odisha & Bhabani Shankar Chayani (Collector & Dist. Magistrate, Cuttack) in the gracious presence of Sarvesh Ranjan, FGM, FGMO Bhubaneswar, R. Devaraj, DZH and Saroj Kumar Rout, Regional Head, Cuttack Region. The opening Ceremony had a gathering of esteemed customers including senior citizens, local administrative officials and opinion makers of the catchment.

Programs organized during IOB MD visit to Odisha

Bhubaneswar: Ajay Kumar Srivastava, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Indian Overseas Bank inaugurated the new premises at Puri branch of the bank on the occasion of visit to Odisha.
On this occasion, he addressed the Managers of Regional Office and the branch Managers who have had good expertise in Banking. General Manager Mohan M, Chief Regional Manager Gaurav Bhardwaj and Assistant General Manager Shashikant Bharti were present in this programme. Sri Srivastava also visited the Head Office of Odisha Gramya Bank and addressed the staffs.

Busquets to leave Barca at end of season

Sergio Busquets is ending his 'unforgettable journey' of nearly two decades with Barcelona, he said Wednesday. Busquets, whose contract ends this season, announced his decision with a video released on social media. "It hasn't been an easy decision but the time has come," the 34-year-old Busquets said. "It has been an honor, a dream and pride to wear this badge."

Nishant Dev (71kg, right) in action against Cuba's Jorge Cuellar in the ongoing IBA Men's World C'ships | IBA

WORLDS REDEMPTION FOR BRIGHT NISHANT

After narrow miss in 2021, boxer confirms medal in big event

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

IN 2021, a 20-year-old boxer from India had captured the imaginations of many with a brave display during the World Championships. Making his senior international debut then, Nishant Dev, competing with a broken nose, had shown aptitude for the sport before missing out on the all-important medal by a whisker.

It was a harsh lesson for the light middleweight (71kg) pugilist and for his family. After a dream run, they were unable to deal with that setback, momentarily. The hangover from that defeat could be felt for some time. "For over a week or so, it was doom and gloom among all the family members. It was like a bad dream. He was 20, it was his debut," Pawan Dev, Nishant's father recollects.

In that testing environment, Nishant, though, remained positive — an important attribute that is ingrained in him. That wisdom to see victory in defeat is paying off for the talented boxer from Haryana.

In the ongoing IBA World Championships in Tashkent (Uzbekistan), Nishant, on Wednesday, secured a semifinal berth and a medal in the process. Nishant's medal was incidentally India's third of the campaign. Deepak Bhoria (51kg) and Mohammad Hussamuddin (57kg), who have been as impressive as Nishant, had earlier won their respective quarterfinal bouts to confirm medals.

Up against Cuba's Jorge Cuellar, the reigning national champ mixed his punches efficiently to secure a 5-0 victory. "Our strategy was to create pressure on the opponent from the first round and stay strong mentally during the whole bout. I'm very happy to come so far," Nishant said.

This is mighty impressive given that Nishant had missed out on most of 2022 after surgery (shoulder) in March and was forced to find his feet all over again. The boxer, who is supported by JSW Sports, had undergone rehabilitation in Inspire Institute of Sports (IIS) in Bellary under the close watch of the coaches there. "He was out for nine months. It was tough but he was always positive and strong-willed," Pawan revealed.

Uncle & Manoj impact

Sports has always been part of his life having taken part in athletics (100 metres and 200 metres) and skating during his school days. But he decided to take up the gloves after getting inspired by his uncle, who used to box for a club in Germany. But it was Manoj Kumar's gold medal in New Delhi during the Commonwealth Games which gave him that ultimate push and make a career out of it. "The 2010 Commonwealth Games was also going on in New Delhi then. Manoj Kumar had won a gold medal then. That feat left a strong impression on him. He got motivated by that and picked up the sport."

He hasn't looked behind since then. He had shown all the right signs while taking early lessons at Karan Stadium in his hometown in Karnal district. "He's punctual. When we used to practice here, he would be the one who'd wake up early in the morning. I would sometimes want to take a break but he would not let me do the same," Pawan, who's a zamindar, fondly recalled.

This prosperous run has certainly bolstered his CV. One person who feels Nishant has a high ceiling is national chief coach CA Kuttappa, who was by the ringside on Wednesday. Under Kuttappa and the rest of the coaching staff, Nishant is gradually adding more tools to his locker — tools that have troubled rival boxers who have come his way so far.

"His mean weapon is power punches. We want him to stay busy, feign and throw jabs and keep his rivals guessing all the time," Kuttappa told this daily from Tashkent. "He is a bright prospect. He is very talented and has the potential to go on to medal at the Olympics," he added.

His immediate goal will be to go the distance here.

Asian champion Aslanbek Shymbergenov of Kazakhstan stands between him and a place in the final.

MEDAL OF HONOUR

With Wednesday's development, India now have a total of 10 medals (overall) in IBA Men's World C'ships.

- **2009:** Vijender Singh | Bronze
- **2011:** Vikas Krishan | Bronze
- **2015:** Shiva Thapa | Bronze
- **2017:** Gaurav Bidhuri | Bronze
- **2019:** Manish Kaushik | Bronze
- **2019:** Amit Panghal | Silver
- **2021:** Akash Kumar | Bronze
- **2023:** Deepak Bhoria | Bronze*
- **2023:** Mohammad Hussamuddin | Bronze*
- **2023:** Nishant Dev | Bronze*

*Boxers are currently part of the World Championships in Tashkent and have a chance to change the colour of the medal.

All-round Chennai canter past Delhi

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

ON a surface that aided spin, hosts Chennai Super Kings did what they usually do to solidify second place in the table at the business end of the group stage. Skipper MS Dhoni's decision to bat first was the first clue as to the characteristics of the slow surface and batting got harder as the night wore on. Chennai, who rode on several cameos, set Delhi Capitals a target of 168.

The visitors, who had won four of their previous five games, needed to make use of the powerplay to have any chance of making a fist of the chase. At 3/25 after 3.1 overs, their already uphill task had become Everestian. In the end, they fell short by 27 runs, with all the hosts' bowlers either keeping it tight or picking up wickets, especially Sri Lanka's Matheesha Pathirana, who claimed 3/37 in four overs.

Earlier, it was Ruturaj Gaikwad who set the tone (24) before Shivam Dube (25) took over from there in the middle-overs. In the end, Dhoni (nine-ball 20) provided the necessary finish to lift the franchise to 167/8. Gaikwad was harsh on Ishant Sharma and handled the Delhi spinners Lalit Yadav and Axar Patel with ease.

Although his batting partner Devon Conway got out, Gaikwad and Ajinkya Rahane ensured a solid show in the powerplay as CSK finished with 49/1 in the first six overs. Once the field spread out, Axar got his lines and lengths right, getting rid of Gaikwad.

Sensing the shift in momentum, David Warner brought on Kuldeep Yadav. The idea, for Warner, was to employ spinners from both ends to prevent CSK batters Rahane and Moeen Ali from scoring boundaries. And he was successful in his attempt as CSK could manage only 66/3 at the halfway mark, with the last boundary coming in the sixth over. Soon, Moeen got out trying to take on Kuldeep which brought Chennai's designated spin-hitter to the fore.

As expected, Dube ended the boundary drought by launching Axar over the long-on boundary. Just when it looked like Chennai were on course to a big total, Marsh got rid of Dube, and Kuldeep followed it up with the wicket of Rayudu to the biggest cheer of the night. Dhoni, who had largely been coming in to bat only at the fag end of the innings, was forced to come out to bat in the seventeenth over. Dhoni let Ravindra Jadeja take on Kuldeep Yadav in his final over.

When Khaleel Ahmed came on, Dhoni was in his element. He stood deep in the crease, taking middle-and-off guard, and smacked a length delivery from the left-arm seamer into the stands. Khaleel persisted from around the wicket, pushing it full and wide. Dhoni threw his hands hard at it as the ball took the outside edge and flew over the short third-man fielder. On the last ball of the over, Khaleel went short and Dhoni dispatched downtown over the rope. It was the 21-run over Chennai needed. That, ultimately, provided them the cushion for a comfortable win. **Brief scores:** CSK 167/8 in 20 ovs (Dube 25, Gaikwad 24; Marsh 3/19) bt Delhi Capitals 140/8 in 20 ovs (Rossouw 35; Pathirana 3/37, Chahar 2/28).

MS Dhoni hit a 9-ball 20 to bolster CSK's total against DC | ASHWIN PRASATH

MID-TABLE RUMBLE

BOTH KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS AND RAJASTHAN ROYALS ARE JUST OUTSIDE THE TOP FOUR. WHO WILL GET AHEAD ON THURSDAY?

RINKU REIGNS SUPREME

Rinku Singh, yet again, showed why he is a class apart with his chase mastery against Punjab. With him in top form and Andre Russell coming to the party, KKR is finally having a middle-order they can rely on. With every game being a knockout for them, they will need more off Russell and Rinku in coming games.

SAMSON THE CAPTAIN IN FOCUS

From not slotting the impact player after innings, to giving the penultimate over to an inexperienced bowler, Sanju Samson's tactics on the field haven't gone in his way. As much as he and RR are shining with the bat to rack up big totals, they will have to get their moves right on the field sooner than later.

CAN ROYALS TURN THINGS AROUND?

Their last win came against Chennai Super Kings at home. Since then, RR have lost three on a row, but cannot lose more. After gaining momentum early in the tournament, they have slipped up, and are now seeking to turn the tide around. Could this be the day where they get back on track?

KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS VS RAJASTHAN ROYALS, KOLKATA, 7.30 PM, LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIO CINEMA

EXPRESS READ

Women's team for Junior Asia Cup hockey

NEW DELHI: India named an 18-member team for the Women's Junior Asia Cup hockey, which begins in Kakamigahara, Japan on June 2. India will play against Korea, Malaysia, Chinese Taipei and Uzbekistan in Pool A, while Pool B consists of Japan, China, Kazakhstan, Hong Kong China and Indonesia. **The Team**: Goalkeepers: Madhuri Kindo, Aditi Maheshwari; Defenders: Mahima Tete, Preeti (C), Neelam, Ropni Kumari, Anjali Barwa; Midfielders: Rutaja Dadaso Pisal, Manju Chorsiya, Jyoti Chhatri, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, Sujata Kujur, Manashri Narendra Shedage; Forwards: Mumtaz Khan, Deepika (VC), Deepika Soreng, Annu, Sunelita Toppo.

Marquez returns to Repsol Honda Team

CHENNAI: After breaking the first metacarpal on his right hand in Portugal, Marc Marquez will return to racing his Repsol Honda Team RC213V in France. Having consulted with medical teams, all involved are satisfied with the healing of the bone and the #93 will be back on track in France.

Protesting wrestlers at Jantar Mantar on Wednesday | PARVEEN NEGI

WRESTLERS DEMAND LIE DETECTOR TEST ON BRIJ BHUSHAN

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

THE protesting wrestlers on Wednesday demanded lie-detector Narco Test on Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh under Supreme Court supervision after he claimed innocence to the allegations of sexual harassment.

Some of the country's top wrestlers, including Olympic medallists Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik and Asian Games gold winner Vinesh Phogat, have been protesting at Jantar Mantar, demanding arrest of Singh for allegedly sexually harassing seven women wrestlers, including a minor. "Those people speaking in favour of the WFI chief and saying that we are lying, I would say that Brij Bhushan should undergo a Narco Test under Supreme Court... and also the seven women wrestlers (who have alleged sexual harassment)," said 2016 Rio Olympics bronze medallist Sakshi at a press conference here. "Whosoever is found guilty, hang them."

The wrestlers did not, however, give clarity on how they are going to push for a Narco Test as, according to law, the consent of the accused is mandatory. Only after that can the investigating agencies proceed. A day after Delhi police registered two FIRs against him, Singh had claimed innocence.

Sakshi also made an appeal to the women of the country to come forward and support the wrestlers like they did in 2012 when the Nirbhaya case happened. The wrestlers also decided to wear black armbands on Thursday as a mark of protest over the alleged inaction of the authorities. Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Bajrang Punia said contrary to public perception, the agitating wrestlers were not against national competitions taking place. He said if the competitions take place under the supervision of the IOA ad hoc panel, he would welcome them.

No PUBG, AoV squads for Asian Games

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

IT'S official. The Esports Federation of India (ESFI) will not be sending teams for both Arena of Valor and PUBG (both Asian Games versions) for the Asian Games after they failed to hear from the sports ministry. Early in 2022, the ESFI had reached out to Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) about the prospect of sending two teams for these two titles as the Indian government had banned the games under Section A of the IT Act in 2020. They had seemingly suggested this was a sports ministry issue but with the ministry failing to respond to their queries, the federation decided not to name squads for these two titles.

When they named the initial Asian Games squad last year, they retained a small possibility of conducting qualifiers if the ministry had given them the green signal. "We did send queries and we didn't get any response. We had already explained the situation to the players too," an ESFI member told this daily.

Hearthstone team withdrawn

The other setback for the Indian squad is that one of the other titles — Hearthstone — has been removed. India had named a two member contingent but the organisers were forced to remove it couldn't be reached between Blizzard Entertainment and NetEase apropos partnership and operating rights. "Yes, we have had to remove the team," the member added. India's Tirth Mehta had won a bronze in the online card game when the discipline had featured in a demonstration event at the 2018 games in Jakarta. ESFI had named Shikhar Choudhary and Karthik Verma in the team.

The next step in the Road to Hangzhou is that the selected members will be featuring in a regional event for the purposes of seeding.

The long list for Asian Games will be sent by the Indian Olympic Association and the last date is around May 20. All National Sports Federation will have time to make changes within the list by June/July.

Tie in balance after thrilling draw

Vini Jr and Kevin de Bruyne shone with goals outside the box as the visitors came away with a creditable draw. A look at the first leg of the Champions League semifinal between Manchester City and hosts Real Madrid...

HAALAND KEPT QUIET

Most of the pre-match talk was around Erling Haaland's predatory instincts but the Real Madrid backline kept him quiet all night. He did have a few chances but the likes of Antonio Rudiger stuck to the Norwegian like a glue.

CLASH OF CONTRASTS

This was always going to the case and so it proved as the possession-oriented City hogged the ball but Real were dangerous whenever they had the chance to counter. The visitors had more of the ball but the hosts had more shots on goal.

VINI JR'S RISING STATURE

While De Bruyne has long proved his big-match credentials, this game displayed the temperament of Vini Jr, probably one of the best attackers in the game today. He doggedly stuck to his task, didn't shirk his defensive responsibility and attacked the City backline whenever he had chance.

CONTROVERSY

De Bruyne's opener should have been chalked off as the ball had gone out of bounds in the build up to the goal. The technology showed it went out but the Video Assistant Replay didn't convey the same information to the on-field referee. In the dugout, Real coach Carlo Ancelotti received a yellow for protesting the decision to award the goal.

1 De Bruyne is the first visiting player to score in two separate ties against Real Madrid in the knockout stages of the Champions League.

KITCHEN CABINET

Baguettes but no wine: Olympians to eat gourmet in Paris

AGENCIES @ Paris

SOME 15,000 athletes will get to feast on fresh baguettes, gourmet dishes and environment-friendly French cuisine ' but no wine ' when Paris hosts the Summer Olympics next year. The company tasked with serving 40,000 meals a day at the Olympic Village unveiled Tuesday some of the items on the menu of a sit-down restaurant that plans to serve food created by some of France's most-renowned chefs.

Bringing a 'fun, gourmet and healthy' touch to the plates is key to the job, said Alexandre Mazzia, whose AM restaurant in Marseille earned three Michelin guide stars. He presented a recipe made of crushed chickpeas with herbs and a smoked fish sauce. Other chefs unveiled dishes that included an elaborate quinoa risotto and a chocolate mousse with raspberries. "It's a pride and an honor to be able to show French tradition and skills,' Mazzia told The AP. French food services company Sodexo was selected to oversee the catering at the athletes' village and other sites of the Paris Games. The company was assigned the challenge of making the 2024 Olympics an occasion-appropriate opportunity to explore France's legendary gastronomy.

"France will invite the world to its table," said Philipp W'rz, who is the catering manager for the Olympics organizing committee. Athletes "know they will eat well here. Our goal is to provide them with high quality food." The eatery at the Olympic Village, which is meant to be the 'biggest restaurant in the world,' is expected to seat 3,500 people. In addition, athletes will have access to 'grab and go' food points, including one dedicated exclusively to French cuisine cooked up by chefs, Sodexo said. "What I cooked here is poultry, guinea fowl slowly roasted with a nice crayfish jus, very reduced, very intense, with a poulette sauce (white sauce), so it's a kind of creamy, comfort food," renowned chef Amandine Chaignot, who runs a Paris restaurant, explained. "I wanted it to be a bit representative of what we do in France so it's quite gourmand."

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PCMB/S	- 175
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Chemistry	- 133
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Bio+Stat	- 233

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Physics	- 17
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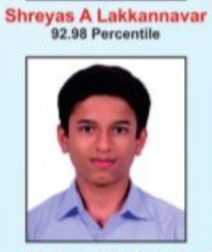

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Operation Shakti

On this day in 1998, Operation Shakti (Pokhran-II) was initiated with the detonation of one fusion and two fission bombs

ABOUT POKHRAN-II

Pokhran-II consisted of five detonations, of which the first was a fusion bomb and the remaining four were fission bombs. Dr APJ Abdul Kalam was the head of DRDO

NUCLEAR STATE

On May 13, 1998, two additional fission devices were detonated, and Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee declared India a full-fledged nuclear state

TECHNOLOGY DAY

May 11 is officially recognised as National Technology Day in India to commemorate the first of the five nuclear tests carried out

Check out what's happening in the city

PG 2

ON THE DIGITAL MAP

Commercial Street, Church Street, Malleswaram...these locations along with a host of others have found space on social media with creators actively sharing the goings-on and fun facts of the areas

TUNIR BISWAS

THE digital grid is key in the 21st century, and Bengaluru is on it. Recently, creators have been providing a space for many locations of the city on social media platforms. These locations are scattered – from Electronic City all the way to Whitefield and were all created for separate reasons. Despite their differing motivations, they all have collectively put Bengaluru on the cyberspace.

Gulshan Kumar, who works in an advertising agency, created an Instagram account for Commercial Street (@commercialstreetbengaluru), one of the oldest shopping hubs, to ensure its continued relevancy. "You can see people of all ages on Commercial Street. Despite online shopping, the hub still offers the latest lifestyle and fashion trends in an open atmosphere. They also get assistance from the surrounding streets. I wanted to ensure people remember that. On the account, we post everything from photos to videos to short reels," shares Kumar.

PIC: NAGARAJA GADEKAL

> *I was stuck in my hostel during Covid and was missing my hometown a lot. I decided to create a page where I would be able to recall my memories of Yelahanka. I figured it would also help others, like it did for me* - Abhishek, content creator

Like Kumar, Sandeep Anirudhan created the Instagram account @nammawhitefield to unite the residents of Whitefield to collectively tackle their local issues. "That account was created as a result of my work with another account campaigning to save the Pattandur Agrahara Lake (@savepattandduragraharalake). I did not have much expectation, but as social media is the best way to network now, the Namma Whitefield account received many followers, and in a couple of days, around 5,000 people were standing next to the lake protesting. Word spread fast. Now, we also use it to tackle local civic issues, among others. I remember once a prominent real estate company was widening a road, but that meant cutting around 50 trees in that area. So, we all got together and promoted against it and were able to stop that from happening. Using social media has helped many just become more aware of what's possible. Many of them didn't know that you can visit the BBMP office and get them to change their plans," says Anirudhan.

Social causes seem to be a common thread between the citizens of Bengaluru. Ganesh, who was a resident of Electronic City, had created the account @nammaelectroniccity during the pandemic to promote small businesses that were severely affected. "So when Covid struck, I saw many of these small businesses getting very affected by it. That is why I created this account so people from other areas will get to know about them. Since then, I have talked about some local issues through that account as well," says Ganesh.

Causes aside, some accounts were created purely for matters of the heart and nostalgia. Abhishek created the Instagram profile @namma__yelahanka because he was missing his home. "I was stuck in my hostel during Covid and was missing my hometown a lot. I decided to create a page where I would be able to recall my memories of Yelahanka. I figured it would also help others, who are now elsewhere, revisit their past just like it did for me. So far, the page is doing decently, and any added benefits like helping local businesses is a bonus," shares the doctor.

Agreeing with him is travel and nature photographer Manoji Rudy, the creator of the Instagram account @hsr_layout. "I have lived in Bengaluru in quite a few places, but once I moved to HSR Layout, I knew this was it. The area is beautiful with greenery and roads with no traffic. I decided to capture all of it in an Instagram account for anyone curious about the area. I also post about some of the best restaurants in the area. I do this purely for the joy of anyone interested," he concludes.

Outside of these, you can find Instagram accounts of many other areas of Bengaluru, including Cubbon Park, Church Street, Shivajinagar and Malleswaram, among others.

STAR QUOTIENT

Ramesh Aravind

Upendra

Ranjani Raghavan

Disha Madan

Yash

Rishab Shetty

Darshan Thoogudeepa

Milana Nagaraj

Krishi Thapanda

Sudha Belawadi & Samyukta Hornad

Shine Shetty

Sapthami Gowda

Prakash Belawadi

Radhika Narayan

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'** Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Thursday.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1) Avenue Road 2) Vidhana Soudha 3) South Parade

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Chitra Ramaswamy 2) Subramanya SN
3) Anagha K

CITY READ

Residential camp for children held

Brahma Kumaris, Basavanagudi organised a summer camp for children between ages 8 and 14 years recently at Academy for Divine Wisdom, Yog Bhavan, Gottigere. Activity-based interactive sessions and competitions were held during the residential camp on mind management, self-empowerment, art and craft, dance, living values, creative meditation, conservation of water, living close to nature and taking care of plants and nurturing them, digital and internet de-addiction.

Musical show on May 14

A musical programme titled 'Agar Tum Na Hote' will be performed on May 14, 5.30pm onwards, at Chowdiah Memorial Hall. This musical extravaganza will feature evergreen super hit songs of Rajesh Khanna, the first Bollywood superstar. The show will feature internationally-acclaimed singers like Anil Bajpai (Voice of Rafi) and Alok Katdare (Voice of Kishore Kumar) from Mumbai along with singers from Bengaluru – Shruti Bhide, Shruthi Raghavendran, Divya Raghavan, Aishwarya Kasinathan, Bangalore Haris, Mrunmayee Tirodkar, Shekhar Iyer, Niyazzuddin Niyaz, Puja Goswami and Anurag Dwivedi and others from Bengaluru. The music will be by popular musicians Pradeep Patkar and team.

The quirky folk epic will be performed this weekend

One-man show

EXPRESS FEATURES

ON Saturday, amid the excitement of the results of the Karnataka elections, you can also experience a side of Rajasthani folktales. Folk artiste **Narendra Shekhawat** is bringing to the city *Chouboli*, which is a quirky, fun, modern folk epic. It is happening May 13, at Lahe Lahe.

Written by popular Rajasthani author Vijaydan Detha, the stories, Shekhawat says, have been adapted into movies and plays, like *Paheli*, *Duvidha*, *Parinati*, *Charandas Chor*. "I have translated them into Hindi and perform my adaptation of them. The title is derived from Chou+Boli (Four+Stories)," explains Shekhawat, who has been a storyteller, writer, actor for a decade now.

Shekhawat explains *Chouboli* is a witty, satirical tale where the form is folk yet the content is ultra modern and progressive with dollops of wisdom, fantasy and riddles. "Performed in the oral tradition of storytelling, *Chouboli* is a funny, satirical take on the complexities of human life in its myriad forms. It weaves timeless, lyrical riddles of ethical and philosophical dilemmas, and preferences, in a story within a story format. It takes on patriarchy and masculinity and celebrates femininity and female bonding with its eclectic mix of fantasy and realism, magic and logic, and fact and fiction," he says.

It is a one-person act and Shekhawat will be the only performer of the show. "I have seen other folktales being performed in Rajasthan. This one is translated from a book written by the author," says Shekhawat, who originally hails from Bikaner.

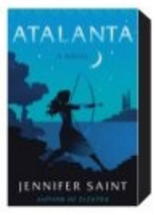
"I have watched most of the films based on author's work. The first time was on Doordarshan, close to two decades ago, a film called *Parinati*, the debut film of Prakash Jha. What I like about his stories is that though they are in folk form, the content is so modern, relatable, and progressive," he says.

BOOK NOOK

Leaving: How I Set Myself Free from an Abusive Marriage

Kanchan Bhaskar

In this memoir, Kanchan lays out the tools and methods she utilised in her pursuit of liberation.



Atalanta

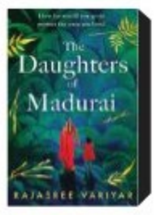
Jennifer Saint

This story is a re-imagination of the myth of Atalanta, a fierce huntress raised by bears and the only woman in the world's most famous band of heroes, the Argonauts. Atalanta grows free but with a condition that she should marry. Artemis warns against it. Atalanta proves herself equal to men by fighting alongside the Argonauts.

Homeless: Growing Up Lesbian And Dyslexic In India

K Vaishali

Vaishali explores the realities of those who battle stereotypes including her fight against loneliness, academic failure, homophobia, anxiety, and societal pressure.



The Daughters of Madurai

Rajashree Variyar

The Daughters of Madurai is a family story that deals with issues of female infanticide and poverty. It also explores the bond between mothers and daughters, the power of womanhood, and the force of love to overcome any obstacles.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Clay Therapy

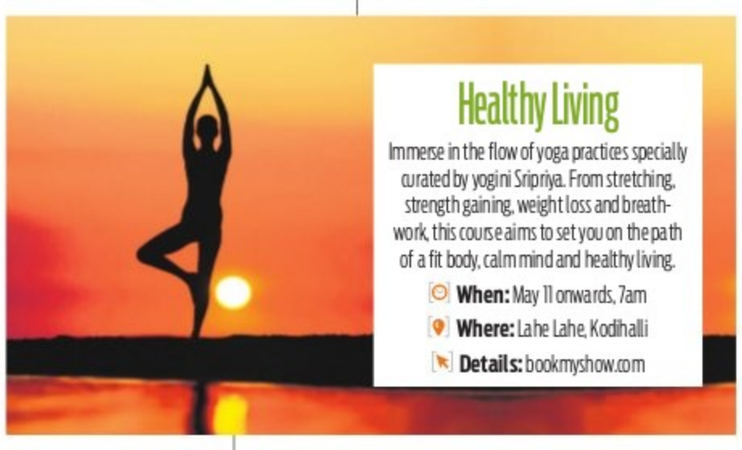
An immersive pottery workshop experience where creativity takes shape right between your fingers. With the help of skilled instructors, sculpt your very own ceramic masterpieces and unleash your inner artist.

When: May 13, 12pm onwards
Where: Small World, Koramangala
Details: bookmyshow.com

Get Artistic

Looking to spend some quality time on the weekend? Go and experience the trending 'Texture Art'. At this fun and creative workshop, you get the opportunity to enjoy with friends or family or relax, unwind, and explore your creativity on your own.

When: May 13, 5pm
Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
Details: 9632510126



Healthy Living

Immerse in the flow of yoga practices specially curated by yogini Sripriya. From stretching, strength gaining, weight loss and breath-work, this course aims to set you on the path of a fit body, calm mind and healthy living.

When: May 11 onwards, 7am
Where: Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli
Details: bookmyshow.com

Political Satire

Set in an atmosphere of swaying political loyalties, the classic play *Mukhyamantri* follows the protagonist who is intent on retaining his position through the approaching elections. The pace of the play is like a flowing river – only signifying the eternal continuance of the state of matters.

When: May 13, 3.30pm
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

Nature Trek

Situated at an elevation of 5,882 ft, the Kotagiri hill station is located in the Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu. Grab a mind-blowing opportunity to partake in an exciting trekking trip to find the beauty of Nilgiris.

When: May 12, 8.30pm **Where:** Pickup at Ayyappa Temple, Madiwala **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Karaoke Night

An evening of karaoke in the busiest street of Koramangala with tickets redeemable on food. Restaurant people are singers and will start the show to give you confidence.

When: May 11 onwards, 5.30pm, **Where:** Marcopolo Cafe
Details: bookmyshow.com

Laughter Point

Comedian Prashahti Singh's solo standup show 'Door Khadi Sharmaaye' is back in Bengaluru. Have fun listening to Prashasti talk about her delusions and epiphanies through life's silly and significant crises. **When:** May 13, 5pm onwards
Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
Details: bookmyshow.com

BRUSHED PERSPECTIVES

Vistors explore artworks exhibted at 'Mindscapes', a painting exhibition by artist Hariprasad BN at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath held recently | VINOD KUMAR

QUICK FIX

ARROWROOT APPAM

Contributed by **Mymoona Syed Mohammed**, Kochi

INGREDIENTS

- **Arrowroot powder:** 1/2 cup
- **Sugar:** 1/2 cup
- **Coconut mylk:** 3 cup
- **Ghee:** 1 tbsp
- **Salt:** a pinch
- **Cardamom powder:** 1 tsp

METHOD

- Mix all the ingredients in a mixer grinder and grind well until we get a fine mixture.
- Sieve the mixture to remove any lumps. Then add the mixture into a non-stick pan, and stir the mixture in a low heat continuously until we get a thick consistency.
- Pour the mixture on a well-greased plate.
- Separately fry some cashew nuts in ghee, and pour over the arrowroot mixture.
- Wait for a few seconds for the mixture to set.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

KAPOTASANA II FOREARMS
(SLEEPING SWAN POSE FOREARMS)

An advanced preparatory variation which requires flexibility in hips and back. It focuses on lengthening rather than engaging the musculature and connective tissues around the hips. Helps reduce stress and anxiety from the hips and psoas muscles.

STEPS

- Start in Adho Mukha Svanasana (Downward Facing Dog Pose). Inhale, extend your right leg out.
- While exhaling bring your left leg in and place the left knee in line with the right wrist and foot in line with the left hand.
- The right leg must be in a straight line.
- Slowly lower hips down on the ground and place the left leg extended in a straight line at the back with toes flexed outwards.
- Left thigh must touch the ground. Maintain that external rotation of the right hip, check that you are not falling down on the right.
- Take a big breath in, press up with the fingertips to support the spine, open the chest, and maintain a lift in the upper body.
- Exhale, place the forearms, in a straight line, getting down in a forward bend. Look down.
- Stay here for 3-5 deep breaths. To release, slowly come back to the original position of Adho Mukha Svanasana. Relax in the child's pose.

BENEFITS

- Stretches the hip flexors, lower back, neck and psoas muscles.
- Opens arms and shoulders.
- Helps to release tension and tightness in the hips and back.
- It has a deeper effect on the hips.
- Gets rid of tight and tired hips.
- Improves range of motion and circulation and decreased back pain, creates an energetic shift as well.
- Helps in reducing stress and anxiety from the pelvic and psoas muscles.
- Initiates soft and smooth breathing in advanced practices.
- It helps to improve the posture.
- Alignment and posture help to avoid or prevent any injury or strain.
- Increases toes' mobility and strengthens the ankles.
- Relaxes the back and hips.
- Stimulates the Svadhishthana (Sacral) and Manipura (Solar Plexus) Chakras that enhances creativity and self-confidence respectively.

LIMITATIONS

People with back, knee, hip pains or tightness, weak legs, high blood pressure, should practise under the guidance of a yoga expert.

Those who have knee, back, or hip injuries, tight thigh muscles or hip joint or cervical issues, pregnant women and senior citizens, should avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

ENNALUM NTELIYAA (Malayalam)

This is a story about two immigrant families who square up because of some misunderstandings about the romantic relationship between Vivek, Lakshmi's nephew and Ismi, Kareem and Sulu's daughter.

Cast: Suraj Venjaramoodu, Gayathri Arun, Lena

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

TRIAL BY FIRE (Hindi, series)

A story on the search for justice of two parents who lost both of their children in the horrific Uphaar cinema hall disaster.

Cast: Abhay Deol, Ashish Vidyarthi, Anupam Kher

- **Watch on:** Netflix

JAANBAAZ HINDUSTAN KE (Hindi, series)

A single mother and celebrated IPS officer, Kavya Iyer's bravery and psychological strength are tested when she becomes the lead investigator in an ISIS-K bomb attack case.

Cast: Regina Cassandra, Barun Sobti, Sumeet Vyas, Mita Vashisht and Chandan Roy.

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

KANJOOS MAJNU KHARCHILI LAILA (Punjabi)

A misery young man who falls in love with a middle-class girl who wishes to enjoy all the finer things in life and has big dreams of a high-flying and jet-setting lifestyle.

Cast: Rajiv Thakur, Shahnaz Sehar, Nirmal Rishi

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

THANKAM (Malayalam)

Muthu and Kannan are Gold Agents from Thrissur, the Gold Capital of India. The movie portrays their travel to Mumbai to distribute gold and the following mishaps they face on their journey.

Cast: Biju Menon, Vineeth Sreenivasan, Aparna Balamurali

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

VYAVASTHA (Telugu, series)

Avinash Chakraborty is a ruthless lawyer who leaves no stone unturned to win a case. His authority is challenged by Vamsi Krishna, his employer's son and a newly graduated lawyer.

Cast: Sampath Raj, Karthik Rathnam, Hebah Patel

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

MAHESHUM MARUTIYUM (Malayalam)

In 1983, Mahesh's father Padmanabhan, who was working in Delhi, returned to his hometown of Churuhonni Thirut, surrounded by water on all four sides, with a new Maruti car. From there the emotional connection with the car and the hero (Mahesh) reaches a new dimension.

Cast: Asif Ali, Mamta Mohandas, Maniyanpilla Raju

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

CHOKEHOLD (Turkish)

Evading a scandal, a couple from Istanbul starts over in a town on the Aegean coast – but quickly discover the locals are determined to get rid of them.

Cast: Kıvanç Tatlıtuğ, Funda Eryiğit, Gürgen Öz

- **Watch on:** Netflix

ON A WING AND A PRAYER (English)

In this extraordinary true story of faith and survival, follows passenger Doug White's harrowing journey to safely land a plane and save his entire family from insurmountable danger, after their pilot dies unexpectedly mid-flight.

Cast: Dennis Quaid, Heather Graham, Jesse Metcalfe

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

QORIN (Indonesian)

Life at a boarding school descends into chaos when a teacher instructs his students to perform a forbidden ritual that summons their doppelgängers.

Cast: Zulfa Maharani, Omar Daniel, Aghniny Haque

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SMILE (English)

After witnessing a bizarre, traumatic incident involving a patient, Dr. Rose Cotter starts experiencing frightening occurrences that she can't explain. As an overwhelming terror begins taking over her life, Rose must confront her troubling past in order to survive and escape her horrifying new reality.

Cast: Sosie Bacon, Jessie T. Usher, Kyle Gallner

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

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Prime Video:	₹179 per month
Disney+Hotstar:	₹199 for 3 months
Netflix:	₹149 per month
Sony LIV:	₹299 per month
Mubi:	₹1,999 per year

DIGEST THIS

Here are some tips and tricks to manage acid reflux during pregnancy

DR ANU JOSEPH

LET me start with a story. There was a wonderful young woman, who got pregnant and through the nine months of the pregnancy, she had no issues at all. Did not have any sleepless nights, no digestion issues, no swelling on feet, no nausea, no vomiting, no aches, no pains and then at the end of the beautiful nine months, the labour pain came as if gentle breeze was waving across and the baby was born. Just like that.

How easy it would have been if this were true

Pregnancy is generally embedded with issues small and big. It starts from the first days of detection of pregnancy and lasts throughout the nine months and sometimes extends into the post delivery period. One of the most common trouble makers is acid reflux. It is a common term used to describe the discomfort one feels due to excess production of stomach acids or due to increase in the back pressure owing to the growing baby. The most common way a pregnant woman complains about the same are: feeling full, chest burning, burping/belching etc. The symptoms are generally worse immediately after eating something or while remaining longer time with an empty stomach. There are many lifestyle modifications you can practice to bring down the episodes and the severity of acid reflux.

(The writer is senior consultant, OBG and foetal medicine, MaaKauvery, A unit of Kauvery Hospital, Electronic City)

EATING HABITS

A very common advice given is to reduce the consumption of spicy and oily food.

Also eating short frequent meals help: it's a myth that you need to eat more just because you are pregnant. You need to eat based on your daily requirements.

Reduce the consumption of drinks containing caffeine.

Preferably give a gap of 1-3 hours between the last meal and sleep.

POSTURE CORRECTION

Sit upright while you eat

Minimal head elevation while you sleep

CHANGE HABITS

Drink about 3+ litres of fluid daily

Walk around for atleast 15 minutes after each meal

Stop smoking

Avoid alcohol

DO NOT SELF-MEDICATE

If these routine ways of home remedies do not offer you significant help or if you start experiencing any increasing symptoms like severe vomiting, stomach pain or weight loss, make sure you bring it to the attention of your doctor.

NUTRIWISE
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STAY PREPPED, SERVE HEALTHY

MEAL prepping is the concept of preparing whole meals or dishes ahead of schedule. It is an extremely effective method to save time and have nutrition-packed meals for individuals with busy schedules.

Why meal prep?

Pre-prepared meals, which are always handy, help to reduce portion sizes and aid to reach nutrition goals. They help to manage the appetite better and prevent one from eating outside or reaching out to unhealthy options. Meal preparation helps against the incidence of overweight or obesity. A healthy diet with sufficient amounts of fruits and vegetables, whole grains, protein-rich foods, fat-free/ low-fat dairy products and other nutrients might get too tedious to prepare on a daily basis, so following certain meal preparation methods can help out in the long run. It also helps to minimise food waste.

Meal preparation is an activity that can be done together as a family, and typically indicates some direct hands-on activity with food by the youth. It also helps to educate children and other members of the family about the importance of all food groups and the division of chores. Food preferences and self-efficacy for healthy eating and cooking skills can be considered and established.

Amid hectic weekday schedules, meal prep or meal planning is a great tool to help keep us on a healthy eating track. Although any type of meal prep requires planning, there is no one correct method, as it can differ based on food preferences, cooking ability, schedules, and personal goals.

Make-ahead breakfasts might work best if you're looking to streamline your morning routine. On the other hand, keeping batch-cooked meals in your freezer is particularly handy for those who have limited time in the evenings.

How to meal prep?

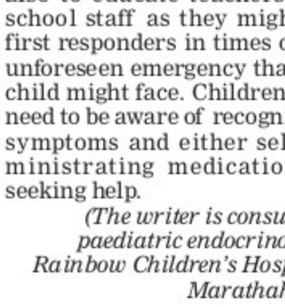
- Discuss with the family to obtain food preferences.
- Collect recipes which you would like to try out through the week and incorporate – the usual family favourites, while also branching out and trying new dishes.
- Start small. Aim to create parts of big meals first. (Prepping boiled vegetables, marinating protein-rich foods)
- Choose a specific day of the week to plan and prepare the meals together.
- On your meal prep day, focus first on foods that take the longest to cook: proteins like whole grams, chicken and fish; whole grains like brown rice, and quinoa; dried beans and legumes; and roasted vegetables.
- Once you begin meal preparation, certain familiar recipes become consistent and sustainable and a clear shopping list can be established by consciously purchasing healthier ingredients.
- Certain foods are better for health and taste better when freshly prepared, others can be meal prepped and kept ready for the days ahead.
- If you prefer to not pre-cook certain foods, consider marinating or chopping them on the preparation day as they can just be freshly cooked, baked or stir-fried later on.
- When cooking recipes, make extra to serve for 2-3 meals. Be sure to date and label them so that you are aware of what is available on hand and also ensure that the prepped food is used on time.
- Meal prep can save time and money if you are preparing just enough for what is needed the following week. Refrigeration and freezing are important steps to successful meal planning.
- Rotate stored items so that the oldest foods/meals are kept up front.
- When it comes to freezing, some foods work better than others. Cooked meals tend to freeze well in airtight containers. Foods with high moisture content, such as salad greens, tomatoes, or watermelon, are not recommended as they tend to become mushy when frozen and thawed.

Save time, money and energy while eating healthy!

NUGGETS

Google using AI tech to create personalised hearing aids

Google and several organisations in healthcare service delivery and research technology are working together to develop personalised hearing aids using artificial intelligence (AI). The project involves Australia-based medical device company Cochlear, Macquarie University Hearing Hub members (NAL), Shepherd Centre, and US-based startup NextSense, reports Fox Business. Google has stated that it intends to create hearing aids that use AI to address individual listening needs. Such technology, according to Google, will be useful for those relying on hearing aids in noisy environments. – **IANS**



Genetic risk factors for non-Alzheimer's dementia identified

Scientists have identified new genetic risk factors for two types of non-Alzheimer's dementia.

Though there are many, relatively rare causes of dementia, the most common causes of dementia after Alzheimer's disease in the elderly are dementia with Lewy Bodies, vascular dementia, and frontotemporal dementia.

The team from the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) discovered several structural variants that could be risk factors to Lewy body dementia (LBD) and frontotemporal dementia (FTD). Their findings are published in the journal Cell Genomics. – **IANS**

HANDLING BIG ISSUES OF THE YOUNG

Here's a guide to detect and care for children with juvenile diabetes

DR MOUNICA KRISHNA REDDY

IT is critical to recognise juvenile diabetes early on. The condition is often abrupt and can affect mostly children and young adults. The top indicators of juvenile diabetes to watch out for are excessive thirst and urination, intense hunger, fatigue, blurry vision, sudden weight loss, changes in mood or behaviour, sudden bedwetting in young children, and in some cases yeast infection in girls. The severity of undiagnosed or untreated juvenile diabetes leads to serious life-threatening complications. A juvenile diabetes diagnosis can be an emotional roller coaster for both the child and their family. Fortunately, various resources are accessible to provide the required help and guidance.

Juvenile diabetes also known as Type 1 diabetes affects young individuals under 20 years whose body encounters difficulty regulating its blood sugar levels when left unmonitored for long periods resulting from inadequate insulin production due to destroyed islet beta-cells by its immune system. The islet beta-cells are responsible for generating insulin which drives glucose entry into cells for utilisation as energy; therefore, these kids' bodies experience abnormally high blood sugar concentration build-up in the system.

Impact and Treatment

Juvenile diabetic children must assess their blood glucose concentration regularly in line with standard procedures in maintaining optimal health despite having to manage life's daily activities like sports or classroom work. The doctor will order routine tests establishing a diagnosis using fasted blood samples or close monitoring throughout various times of the day using random test checks while effectively developing personalised treatment plans specific to individual needs.

Proper treatment for individuals experiencing diabetes entails insulin therapy combined with consistent tracking of blood sugar levels. It also involves incorporating physical activity into one's daily routine in addition to consuming healthy foods regularly. Recognising the symptoms associated with hypo or hyper-glycemia promptly is critical in achieving desired outcomes.

Important Next Steps

Parents are a vital part of the care team for children with juvenile diabetes. They can provide essential support and help their

child manage their condition by monitoring blood glucose levels, administering insulin, and helping their child develop coping strategies. Parents can also make changes to their child's daily routine to make diabetes management easier.

Packing nutritious food for school or outings, ensuring the child gets enough exercise, and ensuring they take their medication on time are all examples of this.

Children with diabetes may experience isolation and differences from their peers due to the need for daily insulin injections, constant monitoring of blood sugar levels, and dietary restrictions. As a result, parents should prioritise their child's mental and emotional health and help them develop coping strategies to manage the condition effectively.

Balanced diet

Parents should work with their child's healthcare professional and a dietitian to develop a customised meal plan that meets the child's nutritional needs while also assisting in the maintenance of stable blood glucose levels. It is important not only for the parents to be aware but also to educate teachers and school staff as they might be first responders in times of an unforeseen emergency that the child might face. Children also need to be aware of recognising symptoms and either self-administrating medication or seeking help.

(The writer is consultant paediatric endocrinology, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Marathahalli)

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ZAID KHAN TO STAR IN DEBUT DIRECTOR PUNEETH RUDRANAG'S ACTION THRILLER

Zaid Khan

The film is under pre-production, and is expected to kickstart in August

Puneeth Rudranag

A SHARADHAA

Zaid Khan, who made his debut with director Jayathirtha's *Banaras*, has given the green light to his next film, which will mark the directorial debut of Puneeth Rudranag. The actor's sophomore project will be a thrilling action-packed story with a touch of romance. "This film will be in contrast to my debut, *Banaras*. I'm excited to be part of a commercial plot," says Zaid Khan.

Puneeth Rudranag, who previously assisted director Prashanth Neel in *KGF Chapter-1*, was supposed to direct a film with Yuvarajkumar but the project did not take off for undisclosed reasons. Now, his upcoming project with Zaid Khan will mark his directorial debut. The script and screenplay for the film are written by Bhageerath.

The project is in the initial stages of preparation, and the film is expected to go on floors in August. "The film got delayed due to the festive season of Ramzan, and later I got busy with the election campaign. I will soon sit with the director to discuss the characterisation and take some time to prepare for the role," says Zaid, who is happy with the drive of Puneeth, and his unique thought process. "I saw footages of what he had presented for Yuvarajkumar, and they were excellent. We are now in the initial stages of discussion, and there will be more to tell in the coming days," says Zaid.

Puneeth expresses his excitement about portraying Zaid Khan as an action hero. "My expertise lies in action and dance sequences, and from what I've seen of Zaid Khan, I see he has the potential to become an action hero. I want to take up a challenging subject for him that will bring out this aspect of his acting," he says.

TILAK TO DON KHAKI FOR *VAGARAH*

The actor, who is currently on the sets of the film, shares his excitement about working in an interesting plot, and how it is good to be part of cinema now

CE FEATURES

Ugramm actor Tilak Shekar has been busy shooting for his latest film, *Vagarah*, and is quite excited about the same. "I have previously appeared in a cop character, but this police officer role has an interesting characterisation, which is written by Ashutosh Pawar," says Tilak, adding, "The film's plot revolves around an intense showdown between a narcotics team and police department."

Tilak expresses his elation in working with a new team, who are attempting a new genre and are successful in the execution too. "Today's generation is not focusing on commercial aspects. They don't resort to cliches and hope to offer something new. I believe filmmaking has changed a lot, and there is no tried-and-tested formula anymore," says the actor, who notes that today's makers are experimenting with realistic subjects.

Titled *Vagarah*, which means a lone wolf also has Ashutosh doubling up as a producer and he will be making the project under the Ashutosh Pawan Mediaverse.

While Anoop Seelin is scoring the music, *Mufti*-fame Naveen Kumar will be handling the cinematography for the mafia-police drama.

Apart from this project, Tilak also has a sci-fi film, Dvandva and *Gangster Alla Prankster* in various stages of production.

Tilak

Billy Magnussen to make his directorial debut with *The Ridge*

CE FEATURES

Billy Magnussen is all set to make his directorial debut with a survival thriller, *The Ridge*. The film will follow a man who travels along with his friends to Wyoming to meet his fiancé's brother. Things go south as both men don't get along, causing a heated feud to grow between them. As the matter gets out of hand, they find themselves in a ridge after meeting with a horrible car accident. They're forced to leave their differences aside and work together, to survive the situation.

Lamorne Morris, Chace Crawford and Jordan Firstman will also join Magnussen in *The Ridge*. While Magnussen will essay the role of the brother, Morris will play Dez who travels to Wyoming to meet him.

The actor recently joined the cast of the upcoming live-action remake of *Lilo & Stitch*. The role Magnussen will be playing in the live-action adaptation is yet to be disclosed.

More details regarding the production of *The Ridge*, are yet to be revealed by the makers.

Jahnvi Kapoor, Gulshan Devaiah and Roshan Mathew to star in thriller *Ulajh*

CE FEATURES

Jahnvi Kapoor, Gulshan Devaiah and Roshan Mathew will soon star together in a thriller set around the world of Indian Foreign Services (IFS). Titled *Ulajh*, the film was announced by its production house Junglee Pictures on Wednesday. It is slated to go on floors by the end of May.

Ulajh also features Rajesh Tailang, Meiyang Chang, Sachin Khedekar, Rajendra Gupta and Jitendra Joshi. It will be directed by Sudhanshu Saria, who won the National Film Award for his short Knock, Knock, Knock.

Ulajh is said to follow the journey of a young IFS officer, belonging to a prominent family of patriots, who gets embroiled in a dangerous personal conspiracy while far from her home turf, at a career-defining post. It is written by Parveez Shaikh along with Sudhanshu, with dialogues by Atika Chohan (Margarita With A Straw, 2014, Chhapaak, 2020).

Sharing a photo of the film's cast on social media, Junglee Pictures tweeted, "The price of secrets is higher in the world of Diplomacy. Introducing the powerhouse cast of #Ulajh Shoot begins at the end of the month."

Janhvi was last seen in *Mili* (2022). She has *Bawaal* with Varun Dhawan, *Mr. & Mrs. Mahi* with Rajkummar Rao and Telugu film NTR30 with Junior NTR in the pipeline.

Team *Ulajh*

Emma Roberts to star in *Hot Mess*

CE FEATURES

Actor Emma Roberts, known for Paradise Hills and Billionaire Boys Club, is set to headline the upcoming comedy film, *Hot Mess*.

The film marks the directorial debut of Katie Locke O'Brien. Written by Gabrielle D'Amico, the film is produced by Debbie Liebling, Maggie Malina and Laura Lewis. While the pre-production is underway, the film's shooting is scheduled to begin in early 2024.

According to Variety, the official synopsis reads, "After imploding in the worst way possible on a wildly popular American dating show, Laurel Mack (Roberts) must do the ultimate walk of shame... back to her hometown. Having failed to win love on the show, Laurel finds herself living in her quirky parents' basement, without any friends, constantly bumping into the miserable ex the whole town adores, and experiencing the constant mockery of all who witnessed her public meltdown. She embarks on a hilarious and heartfelt journey to discover self-love, and with that, real connections with others."